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**F.A.CUP
SEMI-FINALS**

Aston Villa striker Andy Gray and Everton captain Mick Lyons (yellow strip) challenge for the ball.

**SCOTTISH
LEAGUE CUP FINAL**

Aberdeen v. Rangers

The professional footballers PLAYERS



West Brom's talented striker Cyrille Regis with the Young Player of the Year award.



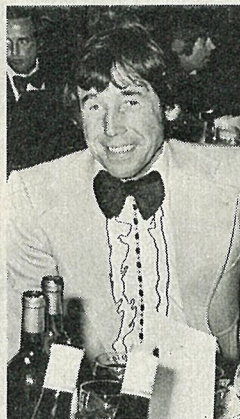
Nottingham Forest team-mates Peter Shilton (centre) and Garry Birtles (right) ponder on their League Cup success.



Brian Clough presents former Preston and England winger Tom Finney with the Merit award.



Crystal Palace boss Terry Venables.



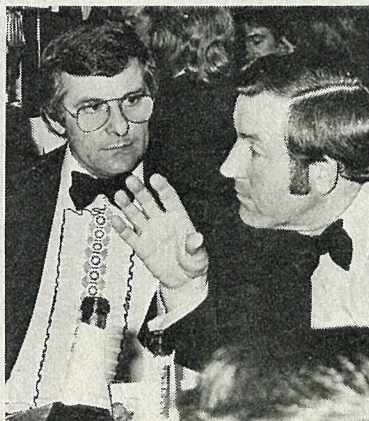
Former England 'keeper Gordon Banks enjoying the evening.



Jack Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday, makes a tactical point.



Mike Flanagan (left) of Charlton and West Ham's Bryan Robson — both made the Second Division team.



Brighton manager Alan Mullery (left), an attentive listener.



Referee Clive Thomas (left) and Gerry Francis of Queens Park Rangers.

ALL-STAR FIRST DIVISION

Peter Shilton (Nottm. For.)
Viv Anderson (Nottm. For.)
David O'Leary (Arsenal)
Dave Watson (Manchester City)
Derek Statham (West Brom)
Liam Brady (Arsenal)

Tony Currie (Leeds)
Osvaldo Ardiles (Spurs)
Cyrille Regis (West Brom)
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)
Laurie Cunningham (West Brom)

ALL-STAR SECOND DIVISION

Mark Wallington (Leicester)
Kevin Hird (Blackburn, now Leeds)
Mark Lawrenson (Brighton)
Mike Doyle (Stoke)
Ken Sansom (Crystal Palace)

Trevor Brooking (West Ham)
Howard Kendall (Stoke)
Brian Horton (Brighton)
Bryan Robson (West Ham)
Mike Flanagan (Charlton)
Peter Withe (Newcastle)

honour their

OF THE YEAR

The Professional Footballers Association held their sixth Annual Awards dinner at the London Hilton on Sunday, March 18th. SHOOT's photographer was also there . . .



P.F.A. chairman Gordon Taylor addresses his members and guests.



West Ham's Trevor Brooking enjoying the sweet at the Hilton.



Managers Danny Blanchflower (left, N. Ireland) and Mike Smith (Wales) discuss problems.



Martin Peters talks over Norwich's 0-0 draw with Spurs at White Hart Lane, the previous day.



The First Division's leading goalscorer, Bolton's Frank Worthington in a happy mood.



Liam Brady with the P.F.A. Player of the Year award.



Ron Atkinson, boss of West Brom, enjoys a joke.



European Footballer of the Year Kevin Keegan, flanked by comedian Charlie Williams (left) and F.A. Secretary Ted Croker.



Dave Clement (right) with Don Shanks, of Q.P.R. sharing a moment away from the relegation battle.

ALL-STAR THIRD DIVISION

Chris Turner (Sheff. Wed.)
John Stirk (Watford)
Steve Sims (Watford)
Bobby McDonald (Carlisle)
Trevor Storton (Chester)
John Breckin (Rotherham)

Brian Hornsby (Sheff. Wed.)
Ray McHale (Swindon)
Ian Callaghan (Swansea)
Luther Blissett (Watford)
Ross Jenkins (Watford)
Alan Curtis (Swansea)

McDonald and Storton tied with the same votes and are both included in the side.

ALL-STAR FOURTH DIVISION

Steve Death (Reading)
Gary Peters (Reading)
Steve Foster (Portsmouth)
Mike McCarthy (Barnsley)
Kevin Moore (Grimsby)
Joe Waters (Grimsby)

Richie Bowman (Reading)
Alan Little (Barnsley)
Alan Cork (Wimbledon)
Les Bradd (Stockport)
Allan Clarke (Barnsley)

'Our best team since Super Leeds of the Sixties'

says 'keeper DAVID HARVEY

Harvey punches clear to thwart an Arsenal attack earlier this season.

THIS has been the season in which the First Division has been split into three distinct groups — the elite, the also-rans and the strugglers.

Without naming them, the clubs in the middle bracket know who they are. The strugglers are Birmingham, Chelsea, Q.P.R., Wolves, Middlesbrough and Bolton, all liable to go down to the Second Division, at some stage of the season.

This definitive split has come about because the Magnificent Six have been able to draw away from the pack and form virtually an exclusive club.

Liverpool, Everton, West Bromwich Albion, Arsenal, Leeds United and Nottingham Forest unquestionably offer all that is best in British football.

Liverpool, of course, have been almost permanent members of

that group for the past 20 years; Everton have been trying to match them without quite succeeding; Albion have come of age this season; Arsenal's progress has been gathering pace over the past two years; and Forest wrote their own names in with brilliant style by almost sweeping the board on their return to the top.

Impressive

That leaves Leeds and their progress this season has been impressive.

The extraordinary fact is Leeds could have been excused for losing their feet on a banana skin after the sort of upheavals they've suffered.

The season began without a manager at Elland Road after the departure of Jimmy Armfield and only one of the first four matches was won. Then Jock Stein arrived and all appeared sweet and light — until that is Scotland found themselves looking for Ally MacLeod's successor and naturally enticed the Big Man.

At that stage Leeds could have felt the whole world was against them and been lulled into a careless sort of attitude.

Interestingly the reverse happened. Things continued to tick over until the arrival of Jimmy Adamson, and since the quiet man left Sunderland for Elland Road there has been barely a dull moment.

The only disappointment came with the League Cup Semi-Final defeat by Southampton, but in terms of the First Division there has been no more convincing side as the record for Adamson's first 17 games proved: Won 10 Drawn 6 Lost 1 Goals (for) 33 (against) 15.

One man in particular who appreciates what's going on at Elland Road is Scottish international goalkeeper David Harvey, one of the few survivors of the Don Revie era.

"Only Eddie Gray, Peter Lorimer, Paul Madeley and myself of the current squad were here at the turn of the Seventies, and of the rest most have been bought within the last three seasons.

"I can honestly say this is now the best team we have had since the super team of the Sixties... the days of Bremner and Giles, Hunter and Cooper, Clarke and Jones," he says.

Harvey's own position has become clearer in recent weeks. With the sale of another Scottish international 'keeper David Stewart to West Brom he has now



re-established himself as the number one at Leeds.

"David and I have been alternating over the past couple of seasons getting about 20 odd games apiece in the First Division. Sometimes one has been injured letting the other one in, occasionally we've both been dropped.

"People talk of competition being good for you in terms of keeping you on your toes, but it doesn't always work that way. Providing a goalkeeper is playing well he should have peace of mind so far as his place is concerned, but when there's someone as good as Dave standing in the wings it can bring a touch of nervousness to your play.

"I honestly believe I'm keeping goal as well as ever at the moment, and my one burning ambition is to get back into the Scotland side. My application hasn't always been what it might have been, but I'm enjoying my football now as much as at any time in my career.

"Once you've kept goal in international football it's hard to accept someone else is in the position you think you should be occupying. Scotland have had a succession of goalkeepers since I last played, and I'm just hoping now that Jock Stein comes and has a look at me again.

"He knows my capabilities having been at Elland Road even for such a short period, and I'm praying he doesn't forget me."

Harvey, who has played over 300 times for Leeds, recalls with utter despair the League Cup Semi-Final defeat by Southampton.

"We really fancied our chances in that one — and perhaps that was our undoing. We'd beaten Southampton 4-0 in the League only a few weeks before and we turned them over to such an

extent that subconsciously we probably thought it was going to be easy.

"After going two up just after half-time in the first-leg we should have sewn it up but we didn't and we were punished with two bad goals and then defeat in the return.

"That's the third Semi-Final in a row we've lost.

"I suppose you could say that's the difference between the current side and the one which brought us all those honours.

"I'm sure this side will have learned a lesson. Lads like Paul Hart and Brian Flynn are learning all the time. Paul, in particular, had an awful start when he joined us from Blackpool.

"Brian also took time to settle in, but I've never seen anyone work so hard, and he's very skilful. He and Tony Currie must be one of the best midfield combinations in the game.

"This season we've gone to Liverpool and Everton and led them both until the closing stages of the game before conceding a point, we've also won at West Brom in the League, drawn there twice in the F.A. Cup and League Cup, drawn at Arsenal and won at difficult grounds like Tottenham, Ipswich and Chelsea.

"Team spirit is super and I reckon we've now got a squad that can only get better.

"The way things are going right now we're a must for Europe next season and that means an awful lot to Eddie, Paul and myself who enjoyed some great moments in Europe and have hankered for another crack ever since the ban that was imposed after the European Cup Final fiasco in Paris.

"The team we have now can win trophies I'm quite sure, and I'm looking forward to another successful period at Leeds," he says.

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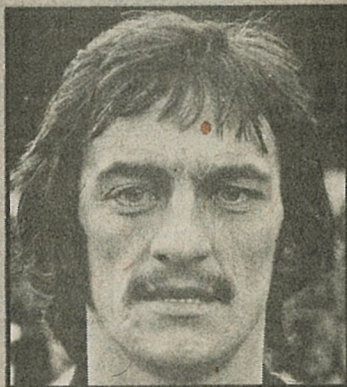
BILLY Bremner's winning goal in the 1973 F.A. Cup Semi-Final at Maine Road, Manchester, is the spur that Wolves captain Kenny Hibbitt believes will take the Midlanders to Wembley.

Hibbitt was a member of the Wolves team beaten 1-0 by Leeds in that Semi-Final, and he was also a member of the team beaten 3-2 on aggregate by Spurs in the League Cup Semi-Final that same season.

So when it comes to knowing all about the pressures, problems and demands of Semi-Finals, Hibbitt and those team-mates who have survived that 1973 'double' disappointment, have completed their education the hard way.

Now, as Wolves prepare to meet Arsenal or Southampton in this season's Semi-Final, Hibbitt chooses to maintain the low-key approach to what most players will agree is one of the most crucial games in the career of any footballer.

He said: "It is no secret that we have been through a traumatic



time this season. We made a bad start in the League, and as our confidence drained away we became more anxious and dropped points in games we should not have lost.

"The F.A. Cup was not in our thoughts during this period. We were too worried about our bread and butter, staying in the First Division.

"When John Barnwell and Richie Barker took over, they inherited a squad which needed a big boost, a lift off the floor. They gave us exactly that. They banned all mention of the word 'relegation', got us thinking in terms of one game at a time, stopped us worrying about past results and performances and added some steel to our game.

"Nobody denies that we are playing a type of football geared to achieving results rather than setting the terraces alight. But this is necessary for the current season. We have tightened up at the back, improved our work-rate as a team, battled as a unit and grafted for each other. As a result we have improved as a team.

"That is why we do not fear Arsenal or Southampton. And the way we were playing before Christmas, who would have predicted that we would be here anyway?

"Our F.A. Cup secret is simple. The boss told us that the Cup is not important. So all the way through the rounds we have treated it as a bonus, some glamour and excitement to be

SOUTHAMPTON/ARSENAL V. WOLVES

at Villa Park

enjoyed while we concentrate on our First Division situation.

"Without really realising it, we lifted all the pressure off ourselves because we went to Brighton, Newcastle and Crystal Palace — none of them easy grounds to visit — and did what was necessary.

"And when Shrewsbury held us at home in the Sixth Round, we travelled up for the replay in such a relaxed frame of mind that I began to worry a bit before the kick-off. The lads were laughing and joking. Why? Because we still considered the game as something extra — a chance to play some football without pressure on us. And that is what we did. Shrewsbury, despite their tremendous effort, never threatened to stop us reaching the Semi-Finals.

"Arsenal and Southampton have been to Wembley before and won a major Final. But so have we, the League Cup in 1974. We both have players of international experience, players accustomed to the

'Our F.A. Cup secret'

— KENNY HIBBITT

big occasion. So on the day it will be a straight battle between two First Division teams who know most of what there is to know about each other.

"When I look back to 1973, I share those bitter memories with John Richards, John McAlle and Derek Parkin. We've been there and lost. We know what it is like to sit and wait for the kick-off, only 90 minutes from Wembley. There's not a lot to take us by surprise.

"We are still concentrating on the First Division programme and the F.A. Cup is still our bonus. But the fact that we have honestly not discussed either the Shrewsbury win nor the forthcoming Semi-Final in any great detail is some indication of how we are treating the whole situation. Relaxed and low-key. And that spells danger to Arsenal or Southampton."



Shrewsbury's Steve Biggins narrowly misses against Wolves in the previous round at Molineux.

Saints or Gunners for the Final

WE are unable to feature a player from either Arsenal or Southampton because the replay at Highbury was played the night we went to press. But we have taken a look at both clubs to assess the hurdle Wolves have to climb to enable them to reach their first F.A. Cup Final since 1960.



Arsenal's Frank Stapleton rises to score their winner v. Forest.

After the first game between Saints and The Gunners at The Dell, which finished 1-1, it became evident that John Barnwell's Wolves are in for a hard game in the Semis on Saturday.

If Arsenal managed to progress, Wolves will go into the game with a certain amount of confidence because they have managed to beat Terry Neill's brigade twice in the League this season. Their latest success was at Highbury on February 24th when striker John Richards scored the only goal.

But the London side possess a match-winner in Liam Brady,

whose performances this season earned him the Professional Footballers Association's Player of the Year Award recently. He can swing a game with a telling pass from that famous left leg or pop up and score a vital goal.

Wolves will have to keep a close watch on the talented Republic of Ireland international.

Such has been Arsenal's confidence in front of goal this season, they have hardly missed the goal-scoring power of their injured England striker Malcolm Macdonald. His co-striker Frank Stapleton has produced a consistency that has more than compensated for Supermac's absence.

If Southampton emerged victorious from their replay at Highbury, they will be bubbling with confidence and hoping to make history

by becoming the first club to reach two Wembley Finals in the same season.

Manager Lawrie McMenemy was disappointed they didn't beat The Gunners at the first time of asking. Saints seemed to have bounced back from their 3-2 League Cup Final defeat by Forest, two days earlier, and were leading 1-0 until they gave away a silly goal.

"It was a great pity we had to give them such a rubbishy goal," said the Southampton boss after the game. "Their goal was a tragedy. We presented it to them and it hurts."

Skipper Alan Ball will push his team-mates through the limit in order to get the club back at Wembley for the second time this season and a chance to pick up his first F.A. Cup winner's medal.

One player who has improved enormously since Ball arrived is young Steve Williams who, along with Ball and Nick Holmes, have formed a workmanlike and skilled midfield trio.

Although Wolves will battle hard, SHOOT believes the eventual Cup Finalist from this Semi will be either Southampton or Arsenal.

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AFTER a season in which he has had to withstand jibes about his own managerial capacities, the changing style of his team, and suggestions he has wasted the best part of £1 million in the transfer market, Dave Sexton would be entitled to make rude gestures to the knockers when he leads his Manchester United side into Semi-Final battle against Liverpool.

"I'm not the sort to say 'I told you so' but all the same it's nice to give my answer in the best possible way — through our performance on the field.

"Yet on the night we beat Spurs at Old Trafford to reach the Semi-Finals we notched up our eighth match in succession without defeat, and in that time we not only won three Cup-ties but also took League points against Man-



chester City, Queens Park Rangers and Bristol City to boost our chances of a place in Europe next season."

Even amid the euphoria of that Sixth Round success on Old Trafford's biggest night of the season, Sexton recognised the real test of his side's character still lay ahead.

"Liverpool have been this country's outstanding side for the past five years and naturally we'll start as underdogs. I don't mind that because so many sides in the past have found the pressures of being odds-on favourites like a millstone round their neck.

"The Semi-Final is a one-off occasion and anything can happen. United proved that when they beat Liverpool in the Final at Wembley two years ago.

"Some people will think because Liverpool turned us over here on our own ground at Christmas they'll naturally repeat the performance in the Semi-Final.

"In fact I believe that result will have no bearing whatsoever. This is another day and if anything we'll be all the more determined to get our own back and reverse the score."

Sexton is convinced his team is just beginning to fulfil its potential.

"There's been a settling in period for key players like Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen who have both had to cope with injuries as well as fitting into a new team.

"Joe only came back after three

LIVERPOOL V. MAN. UNITED

at Maine Road

months against Spurs but he scored the sort of goal I bought him for, a glorious header at the far post.

"He climbs as high as anyone in the game and no defender can afford to take a breather even for a second when Joe's around.

"Gordon had his problems but with Martin Buchan alongside him I think they're dove-tailing quite well now, and in that eight-game period I was talking about we only conceded three goals and stopped five different teams scoring."

The Manchester United manager is equally delighted at the progress of his young goalkeeper Gary Bailey, surely one of the finds of the season.

"There's a saying in football that if you're strong all the way down the middle at one, five and nine then you are in with a chance, and with Gary behind Gordon and Joe we've looked at our strongest.

"Gary has done exceptionally well though obviously he's still

'This will be our real test'

—DAVE SEXTON

learning. If he hadn't done so well I'd have spent a lot of money on a goalkeeper, but at the moment Gary is keeping me away from the bank manager's door."

The fickle public have been quick to react to United's disappointing home form this season. Thin crowds have greeted the team for matches which normally have swelled the red army over the 50,000 mark, but against Spurs the loyalists were all back and they'll be exercising their throats at Maine Road as a match for the Liverpool sound.

"The crowd here is tremendous when it comes to the big occasion," recognises Sexton. "The roar can be quite frightening to the opposition.

"The Semi-Final can provide your best or worst moment in football depending on the result. The prize of victory is so great, the penalty for defeat so bitter because you miss the big day by just one step. We don't intend to be disappointed and you can take it from me having won 3-0 at Maine Road in the League this year the ground suits us fine."

IT'S THE oldest cliché in football but it's probably the truest — "We take each game as it comes."

That's the philosophy Bob Paisley always drilled into the minds of his incomparable Liverpool side as they've swept from one success to another down the years.

"That's why we are taking nothing for granted this season," says Paisley, "and we don't even talk about the possibility of Wembley again or the double."

In his own blunt, and uncompromising fashion, Bob is as prepared as ever for all the emerging



First Division, but I don't think it matters where Cup Semi-Finals are staged."

Although Liverpool could point to the fact that over recent seasons they've taken part in more big occasion matches than any other British club — they never get blasé.

"I never think it's true to say over the years players get accustomed to the special atmosphere of the big game and some cope and some don't," says Bob.

"When we played Newcastle in the 1974 F.A. Cup Final several of their players froze and it's happened so many times that good players who impress in the League week-in, week-out, just can't get going when the chips are really down."

Paisley believes the main threat from United will be posed by Jimmy Greenhoff and Joe Jordan.

"Greenhoff is a model professional and has been unlucky never to have won a full England cap. As long as I can remember giving team talks whenever we've been playing against Jimmy I've warned defenders to mark tight and not give him an inch.

"He controls the ball well, turns quickly, scores goals with his head and his feet, and has a marvellous sense of positioning and timing.

"Joe is obviously a very different type of player who hustles and harries defenders and is particularly strong in the air. He's always

'We're not even thinking about Wembley'

—BOB PAISLEY

challenges between now and the end of another arduous season.

You can bet he's done his homework on Manchester United who stand between Liverpool and their fifth Cup Final appearance in 15 years.

"It would be great to keep up our average of playing in a Cup Final once every two years, but we honestly aren't thinking that far ahead.

"Manchester United are a good side and they won't fancy losing to us in their own city.

"We generally play well at Maine Road so the venue doesn't matter a lot. Our lads are so accustomed to playing on every ground in the

aware of the positions his colleagues have taken up and knocks the ball down well for other players.

"Having said that I don't believe there is a better striker in Britain right now than Kenny Dalglish. Even when he wasn't scoring goals around Christmas-time Kenny was still making a terrific contribution to the team.

"Some of Kenny's goals recently — like the one at Ipswich which took us into the Semi-Finals — have been breathtaking and I'll settle for another couple like that at Maine Road."

Over the years Liverpool and Manchester United have figured in some of the most stirring matches you could wish to see — naturally for clubs that have become synonymous with all that's best in British football.

"It's always a great occasion when two clubs like this meet and I suppose in the eyes of a lot of people it would have produced the perfect Final," says the Liverpool boss.

"It was certainly a good Cup Final two years ago, although unfortunately we lost at Wembley on that occasion.

"Some of our boys will remember that match and see this as a chance of getting their own back. I hope we do and the match is as good a spectacle as that one was — then if we have beaten United we can start thinking about the Final — but not before that!"



Ray Kennedy (white shirt) of Liverpool and Manchester United's Steve Coppell clash during the 1977 F.A. Cup Final.

WHEN we were drawn to play either Manchester United or Spurs in the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup we had no preference for which team we wanted to play.

Both are attack-minded, and as such find it impossible to sit on a one-goal lead and pack their goal-mouth. It's something that is counter to their philosophy and spirit of adventure.

I must admit I felt that Spurs were likely to nick the goal to take them through to the Semis, but after the 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane I favoured United to win the replay for two reasons.

Firstly, the tremendous pressure on their manager Dave Sexton brought about through United's lack of success since his arrival; and second, the certain response to his appeal to the fans to give the team every ounce of vocal support.

I know from experience of the Liverpool crowd how valuable it is to be urged on by mighty roars from the terraces and stands.

Fans can't score goals, but they can certainly inspire their team to get them, and unnerve opponents in the process.

I'm sure the United players were delighted by the way their fans got behind them, willing them to the 2-0 victory over a Spurs side that refused to surrender until the final whistle.

So now we face the team that beat us in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final, robbed us of a unique treble of winning that trophy, the League Championship and the European Cup.

So many people have suggested to us that we must be welcoming the chance of getting our revenge on the Old Trafford Reds. But I assure them that we don't make a habit of looking to settle accounts with teams who have beaten us in the past.

Anyway, Semis are very different from Finals. There is much more tension for a start. You've slogged through four rounds, often with at least one replay, to find yourself only one step away from Wembley — the stage on which every Football League player dreams of appearing at least once for his club — and you know that if you lose all your efforts will be quickly forgotten.

How many readers of this column

can remember the losing Semi-Finalists of last year? (Orient and West Brom).

So far I've been fortunate in my career with Liverpool, for I've never yet known the agonising experience of being knocked out at this stage — in any competition.

But I've visited losers' dressing-rooms to make my condolences — and they are not a pretty sight. Players slumped, heads down in utter dejection; some even crying

balls lifted out of the bag at the Football Association for the Sixth Round draw didn't do us any favours when they set us against Cup-holders Ipswich Town away at Portman Road.

The Suffolk Blues had the trophy in their ground for the first time in the club's history, and they didn't

want to give it up.

It took a touch of Kenny Dalglish magic to win the tie. It happened in the 52nd minute.

Jimmy Case, on the left, passed to Kenny, who was around the near post tightly marked by Terry Butcher, six-foot-plus and one of the most promising young defen-

The agonising I've

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



over the wrecking of their Wembley dream.

Just about every player at the start of a new season puts playing in the F.A. Cup Final as his top priority. It's the highspot of the domestic calendar, an occasion watched by millions of fans, thanks to satellite-aided TV.

Our run-up to the Semis could no doubt have been harder, but it's certainly been no cakewalk. In the Third Round we drew Third Division Southend United away at Roots Hall, from where we were happy to escape with a 0-0 draw and bring them to Anfield for a replay which we won by 3-0.

Luck was on our side for the next two rounds, pairing us at home against Second Division sides, Blackburn Rovers and Burnley respectively. Both made life hard for us. In difficult conditions we only just disposed of Blackburn, 1-0, and our scoreline against Burnley, of 3-0, flattered us. After twenty minutes they could have been two-nil up!

But those little, black numbered



'Kenny Dalglish's winner at Ipswich — a goal in a million'



ders I've seen in a long time.

Kenny started to move away to the corner-flag, giving the impression he meant to play the ball back to a team-mate. Consequently, Terry eased away from him, giving Kenny just the little bit of room that proved fatal. Kenny accelerated past him, but as the angle was so

But then no one in the Liverpool side was particularly proud of his game that day. We were all off form.

Kenny and Kevin are both world class players, so I'll leave it at that.

I'm also regularly asked to compare the 1977 team with the one of today, which has several new faces. I would say the level of talent is the

experience missed'

acute, 'keeper Paul Cooper felt sure he meant to cross the ball.

Kenny drew back his foot — and a split-second later the ball flashed through the narrow gap between Paul and post.

His shot astounded everyone — myself included! It was truly a goal in a million!

How sad that B.B.C. viewers were robbed of seeing it because of an industrial dispute.

For those who lap up statistics, it was Kenny's 49th in 99 matches for Liverpool, and his fifth in four games against Ipswich.

Their manager, Bobby Robson, paid him this tribute: "He is one of those brilliant players who can score from anything. There was nothing on — he was near the line, the angle was terrible, but suddenly it's 'bye bye' and you're out of the Cup."

People often ask me to compare Kenny and his predecessor at Anfield, Kevin Keegan, who now plays in West Germany for Hamburger SV, and great patriot that he is, continues to perform for England.

I'm not dodging the issue when I reply that it's not fair to judge one against the other, simply because they have different roles.

Both are exceptional at what they do. Kevin starred in Liverpool's double of Championship and European Cup in 1977, and played a big part in helping us to win our way to Wembley, despite a below-par performance in the Final itself.

'Maine Road suits us as the venue'



same, and so is the system we operate, but that we are better at getting midfield men into goal-scoring positions.

As for Manchester United, they were then managed by Tommy Docherty; and playing 4-2-4, with two wingers, were very exciting to watch.

Under Dave Sexton, a leading coach and tactician, they have dispensed with one winger, and play with more method. They've also got their share of new faces, notably Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen, and it's taken them time to adjust.

As I said earlier, the Old Trafford Reds are still imbued with the spirit of adventure, and capable of getting the goals.

Lou Macari and Sammy McIlroy are dangerous around the box — only a shade less so than Jimmy Greenhoff, a deadly volleyer.

Jimmy is likely to be well supported by Joe Jordan, and it's important the big Scot is shackled by our Alan Hansen.

I must praise young 'keeper Gary Bailey for seizing the chance to grab the number one spot when United were on the lookout for an older, more experienced man to take over from Alex Stepney.

He put in a series of such consistently high performances that the club called off their search.

On Saturday, Gary faces his biggest challenge, and he's bound to feel nervous. It'll be important for him to do something right early on to get his confidence.

This happened to young Chris Woods of Nottingham Forest — called on to understudy Cup-tied Peter Shilton in last season's League Cup Final against us — when he saved from Kenny in the opening minutes and went on to play a blinder then and in the replay.

The venue, Maine Road, suits us — and United, I'm sure. We've both had good wins there against Manchester City this season.

Another very happy memory for us is beating Everton there in a 1977 F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay by 3-0.

An advantage United have in the choice of Maine Road as "battle-ground" is that any tickets not bought by City fans from their allocation will be snapped up by the "enemy camp".

But even if our fans should be outnumbered, they won't be outshouted!

Ray Clemence

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This week's Star Letter comes from John H. May of Kings Heath, Birmingham, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

BLUES HAVE HAD BEST OF FRANCIS

HAVING watched Trevor Francis play from the beginning of his career, I have little doubt that Birmingham City have enjoyed his best years. Trevor's finest soccer was played mostly in the Second Division with the unselfish support of Bob Latchford, Phil Summerill and Gordon Taylor.

At 16, Trevor was the most exciting player in the country. Indeed, his genius continued through until his early twenties. However, it now seems that cash is the top of his list of priorities. Gone is his 100 per cent love of playing for the love of football, his main concern being to sell his talent to whoever can pay the most money. Don't forget, Francis was probably our best paid footballer before he signed for Forest.

His insistence on going to the States proves that £'s and \$'s are his main motivation and leaving Blues will prove to be the worst thing for Trevor, but perhaps the best for the club.

At Blues, Trevor was the star with the rest of the team overshadowed. With Forest, Trevor could become the 'shadow' in a team already full of stars.

I think that whenever Francis plays he will feel the pull of the £1m tag around his neck like a ball and chain and doubt whether Forest fans will be tolerant if he doesn't produce his very best every time he pulls on their red shirt. Especially when an established favourite is dropped to make way for him.

Trevor is a long way from being the player he was and I'll be extremely sorry to see him under scrutiny every time he performs below par.

I must add that all Blues fans are sorry to lose Trevor; he was very much part of the city. We, who will be supporting Blues long after Francis has retired, wish him the very best. After all, he has been our only real star and we will remember his magical skills and brilliant goals forever.

Thanks a million, Trev.

● Brian Clough makes few mistakes in the transfer market, but I still can't help feeling that the one million pound record may rebound on him in some way. I do not agree with your assumption, John, that Trevor has a mercenary attitude. To say that is not to know him.

Wrong Aspects

ENGLISH teams are copying the wrong aspects of American soccer. Some clubs now have

flashy scoreboards and are spending big money on players, but they should concentrate on controlling their fans.

Hooliganism is virtually unheard of in the States and copying the American fans would improve the game more than any electronic scoreboard.

MICHAEL CONSTANTINOU, EASTBOURNE.



● American clubs don't have travelling fans as English clubs do — it's a long way from New York to Los Angeles! Surely it's up to the fans, themselves, to behave — you can't blame the clubs for crowd violence.

Not Justified

I was disgusted, to say the least, to read letters criticising Emlyn Hughes in Goal-Lines. I don't mind criticism when it's justified, but people are influenced by what they read and SHOOT has done its bit to plot Emlyn's downfall.

People criticise Emlyn for any little matter. If Keegan or Dalglish had taken a dive how many critical letters would have been written then?

At 31, Hughes is not too old for international football; no one criticises Martin Peters for being too old and he's 35. Is it because he's a Cockney? I know you dislike Emlyn Hughes — but the irony of it all is that I'm an Evertonian.

RIC GEORGE, CARLISLE.

● Television viewers have twice seen Emlyn apparently feigning injury. Yes, we would have criticised anyone for deliberately trying to get an opponent sent-off because such behaviour is against the spirit of football. I don't dislike Emlyn, who is a great character, but he, like all professionals, must set the right example.

Pen-Pals

I'M an 18-year-old Dutch boy and I support Feyenoord. I'd like to correspond with fans of Liverpool, Manchester United and Forest.

NICO VAN DER WEEK jnr., FRANS HALSSTRAAT 27, 6961-ZA EERBEEK (Gld), HOLLAND.

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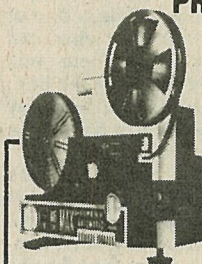
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Bad news for rival First Division forwards . . .

NORMAN HUNTER AIMS TO CARRY ON 'BITIN' LEGS'

THE bad news for First Division forwards is that Bristol City defender Norman Hunter hopes to carry on 'bitin' legs' for another two seasons. Despite being 35 and dropped from the first team last month, Hunter plans to see manager Alan Dicks about a new contract in the near future.

He says: "My current contract ends this summer. I reckon I can play for another two years, but we'll have to wait and see how things develop."

In fact, the former Leeds Iron Man, whose tackles reach parts of the body other tackles can't reach, almost quit the game last year.

"I feared the worst. I'd had a cartilage operation and it took a while to get over that. Then, during the summer, I had an operation on an Achilles tendon, which is far more complicated.

"So concerned was I that I invested in a sports shop just to secure my future. The surgeon, Mr. Pearson, did a marvellous job.

"Obviously at 35 I can't run around as I could ten years ago. For instance, if I have to chase back from the opponents' penalty-area I find myself puffing a bit, but my experience helps and I'm confident I can carry on for two more seasons.

"My only reservation is whether people outside the game will allow me to. At my age, one bad game or being left out of the side and you're immediately over the hill. However, I'm sure Alan Dicks won't be affected by such com-

ments and will back his own judgment."

Hunter has been a huge success at Ashton Gate. In his three seasons at Bristol he has helped City to establish themselves as a First Division club.

After 17 years at Elland Road, the move to the West Country came as a wrench, but true professional that he is, soccer's most famous 'baddie' has done a first-class job in the City defence.

When Dicks left him out of the team recently, Hunter took the decision as you'd expect.

"The manager was correct in

ing Leeds.

"I played in midfield for the reserves at Leicester and loved it. We drew 1-1, there were a handful of people in the ground, but I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

"I'm too old in the tooth to change my approach to football. I still love it as much as ever."

After years of challenging for trophies with Leeds, Hunter has had to adjust to the more modest level at Ashton Gate.

"The fans here have had success

of a kind as the club has developed as a First Division team. Our next step is to get into Europe. We have our eyes on a U.E.F.A. Cup place, but the recent setbacks have damaged our chances. Still, we'll keep battling away.

"The game that annoyed me was our F.A. Cup defeat by Crystal Palace. All credit to them, they deserved to win, but because of the way the competition was going we knew our opponents in advance.

"Had we beaten Palace we'd have faced Wolves at home and then Shrewsbury at home. I can't help thinking that any opportunity I had of playing at Wembley again went with that defeat at Selhurst Park."

Unlike many First Division players nearing the end of their careers, Hunter has no intention of playing in the United States.

"I wouldn't mind it, but my leg would never stand up to the Astro turf pitches.

"When I do finally retire I hope to become a youth coach somewhere. The idea of coaching 16 and 17-year-old kids appeals to me. I help out a team of youngsters in a local League through my sports shop in Whitchurch. They're called Ormsley Sports and I enjoy this involvement a great deal."

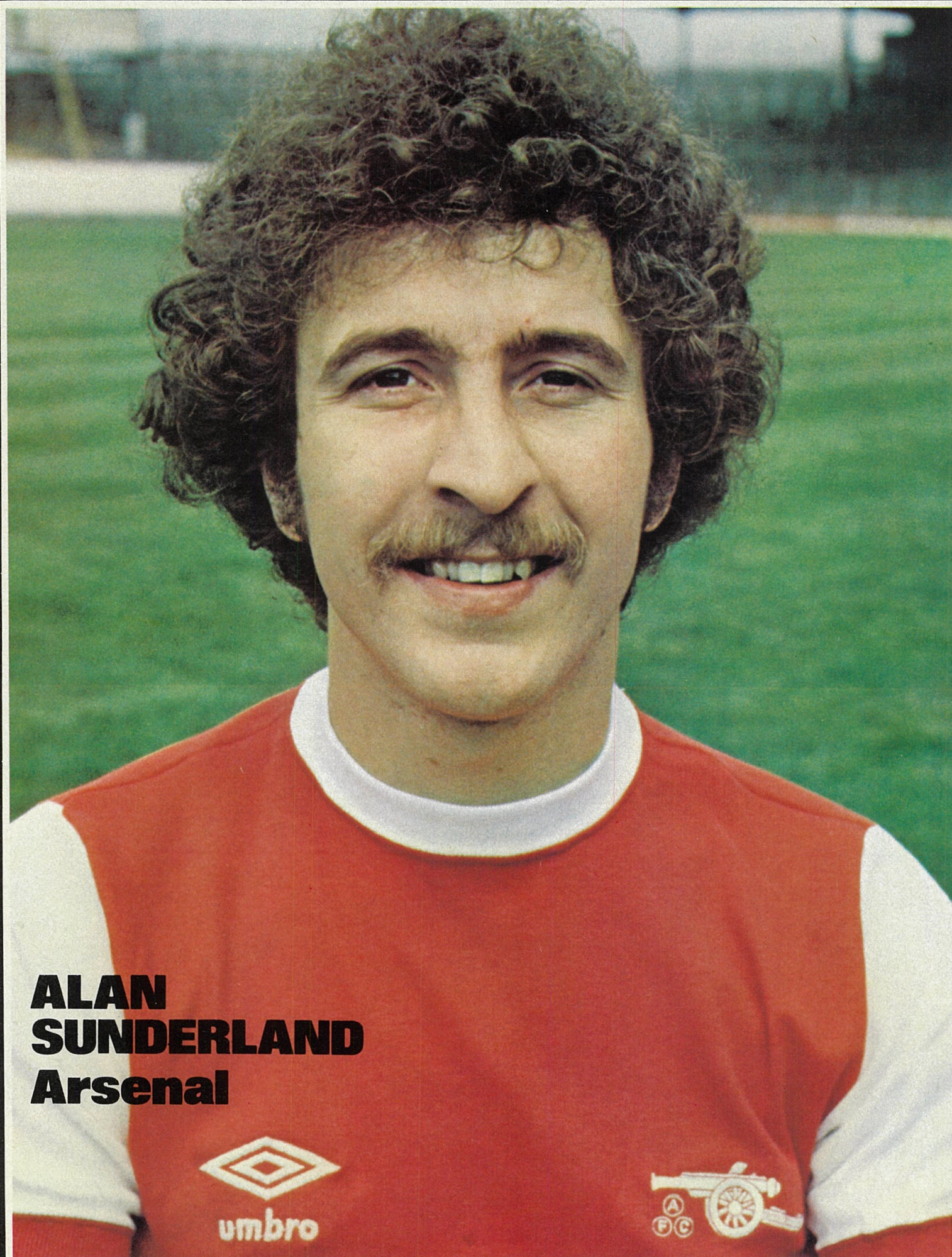
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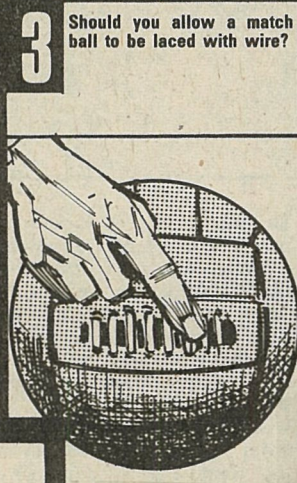
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2 You decide that because of pools of water on the ground, the conditions are unfit to play, but the two managers agree the field is playable. Should you (a) agree to play the match or (b) stand by your decision?



3 Should you allow a match ball to be laced with wire?



4 A player from a team that is losing decides that he has had enough of the match and walks off the field. Should you (a) take no action or (b) caution the player?



5 Taking a corner-kick, a player accidentally kicks the corner-post and injures himself. Can you allow another player to take the kick?

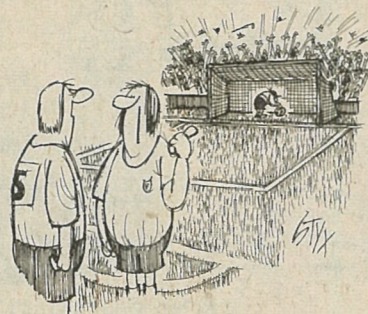
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1. Award a direct free-kick (b). 2. Stand by your decision (b). 3. No. 4. Caution the player taken no notice of their opinions. 5. Yes.

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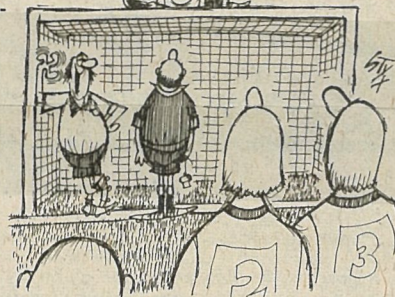


"Someone phoned the town hall — said you had a load of old rubbish for collection in your dressing room"



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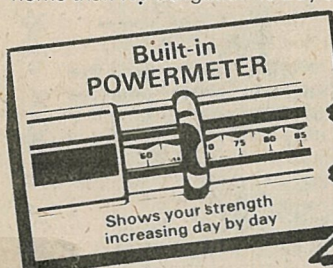
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I SAID last August it would be unfair to make any judgment on the foreign players in our League until the end of the season, but I think I can now say they have, overall, been a huge success. I've been very impressed with the way they've settled down and adapted to our soccer.

It isn't easy to uproot and live in another country, with different customs, language problems and families to consider.

We have around a dozen or so foreign players in the League at the moment, but I don't believe this number will grow considerably. We'll see more, of that I have no doubt, but it's unlikely Continentals will come here in any great number.

We are now getting players like Ruud Krol and Johan Neeskens mentioned as possibilities. All I can say is if they DO come here it certainly won't be for the money . . . it will be because they want to prove themselves in what is accepted as the world's toughest League.

The likes of Krol and Neeskens are already very rich after so many years at the top in Europe. They don't have a great need to earn fantastic salaries, which is just as well if they are to play in England. Our wages still fall behind those of most European countries, while our income tax is higher.

Because of this, we shan't get up-and-coming foreigners here because they'll want to secure their future and to do that they'll have to play in Spain, Belgium or West Germany.

I'd enjoy playing alongside a Continental, but it's unlikely as I reckon

**ANDY
GRAY**
Writes for you

Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders is more of a traditionalist, preferring home-grown talent.

The foreigners have certainly added a lot of interest to our game, just as the black players did when they started to emerge a few years ago.

Of course, the biggest success has been Osvaldo Ardiles of Spurs, a candidate for the Footballer of the Year award.

Spurs played us when Ardiles and Ricardo Villa made their home debuts but we spoil the night by thumping four goals past them. Ardiles looked very lost in that game and there were many communication problems. I refused to make any criticism of the pair after just one game, though, and they have since proved to be bargains.

I remember Ardiles from the World Cup. After Mario Kempes, the name on everyone's lips was Ardiles. He has bags of talent; I particularly like his control and he has proved since moving up-front he can score goals as well as make them. I'd have been proud of the header he scored in the Cup against Manchester United at White Hart Lane.

Villa has taken longer to make his mark. I think he didn't show the

'FOREIGN STARS SUCCESSFUL OVERALL'



Tottenham's Osvaldo Ardiles.

necessary work-rate at first, but he's now come to terms with this and is a dangerous forward. He's a big lad and yet he had deceptive ball-skill.

Alberto Tarantini has found the going harder with Birmingham City and I get the impression he could be leaving at the end of the season. Being with a team at the foot of the table hasn't helped, and unlike the Spurs pair, hasn't had anyone apart from his wife he can really talk to.

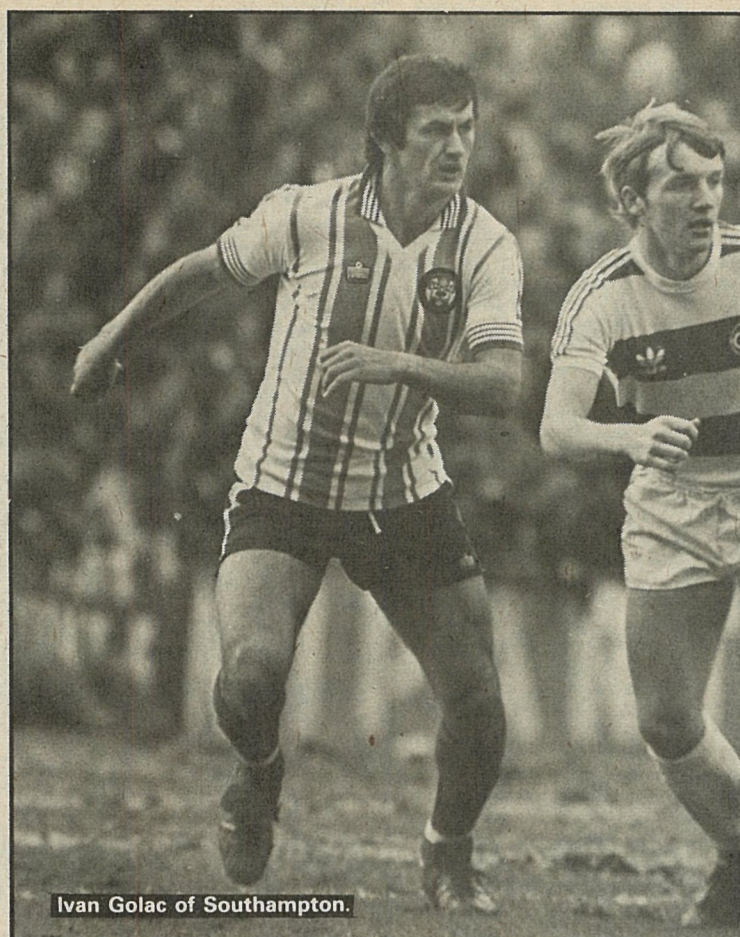
The only time I've seen Alex Sabella was when Sheffield United played us in a private game during the freeze-up and he showed some useful touches. However, like Blues, The Blades are at the wrong end of their Division and it's much harder for any player to show his worth in a poor side.

Both Tarantini and Sabella have

much natural talent, yet to see the best of them maybe they need to play with clubs having a better time.

Next season we'll have another South American in the League, possibly in Division One, as Peru winger Juan Carlos Oblitas will be joining Brighton then. Scotland have painful memories of his wing speed from the World Cup — I can't remember seeing a faster player. Yet I have my reservations as to whether the Peruvian can adapt to our needs.

One foreigner who has caught my eye is Southampton's Yugoslav full-back Ivan Golac. The highest compliment I can pay him is that when Saints played Villa, Golac looked every inch a British full-back with his stylish overlapping. He reminded me very much of John



Ivan Golac of Southampton.

Gidman and Viv Anderson, but if anything Golac tackles harder than this pair.

Former Poland captain Kazimierz Deyna has been a disappointment at Manchester City, probably because at 32 a player is too set in his ways and adapting is difficult then. I'd say a player should be no older than 28 to make a move abroad.

Deyna has left it late to start a new career and it doesn't seem to have worked out.

Ipswich manager Bobby Robson will be very happy with his Dutch Connection; he has paid £400,000 for Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, £50,000 less than Arsenal paid for Brian Talbot. The Ipswich deal is a fine example of good management, although it took Ipswich a while to get the best from Muhren.

When we played them earlier in the season the defence was hitting high balls over the midfield to the forwards and poor old Arnold must have ended the game with a stiff neck! Ipswich have had to change their game completely to accommodate him, but it's paid off handsomely.

Arnold likes to collect the ball from his defence and make his forwards play by giving them telling passes rather than hopeful upfield punts.

Dutch players will always do well here. They speak English and their home isn't very far away, really, and they can keep in touch with their families without too much trouble.

As our own transfer market has gone rather barmy lately, there won't be a mass exodus of our players abroad. English clubs are

now asking ridiculously inflated fees and foreign clubs rightly won't pay as they can get better value elsewhere.

We're now seeing fees of £250,000 for reserves and £650,000 for players who have never kicked a ball in the First Division. I believe Allan Simonsen will be leaving Borussia Monchengladbach for not much more than £650,000 and he has just got to be a better bet than a British player without First Division experience.

I almost joined Schalke 04 of West Germany some years ago, but I didn't think I was ready for such a move. It's very hard to say what will happen in the future and I couldn't honestly say what will happen to me, even though I'm very happy with Villa. Will I ever 'do a Kevin Keegan'? Well, if I have half the domestic success Kevin did I'd probably want a fresh challenge, but at the moment I want to help Aston Villa to some major honours.

We're still chasing a U.E.F.A. Cup spot and this Saturday (March 31st) we face West Brom at Villa Park. It should be a great game, because Albion are by no means out of the Championship race.

Join me again in a fortnight.

And. Greal

GREY old Hampden Park will be wearing a cloak of many colours on Saturday (March 31st) as Rangers and Aberdeen go into action in the Scottish League Cup Final.

It's going to be intriguing, exciting and entertaining and the fans should be guaranteed an avalanche of goals if their meetings in this tournament over the past two years are anything to go by.

Last season they clashed in the Quarter-Finals and Rangers ran amok, slamming six goals past Bobby Clark on their way to a superb 6-1 victory at Ibrox. In the second-leg Aberdeen won 3-1, but it wasn't enough to carry them through to the Semi-Finals.

The previous season the Ibrox men and The Dons had met in the Semi-Finals . . . and Aberdeen, then bossed by the one and only Ally MacLeod, went on the rampage and finished up winning 5-1.

So, in only three games the fans have been treated to 17 goals and there seems to be no reason to assume things will work out differently on Saturday.

The clubs have already met twice this season in the League and the honours are even with draws at Ibrox and Pittodrie. Amazingly, last season they clashed on SEVEN occasions!

Winner

Aberdeen won four and lost three, including the Scottish Cup Final when the Glasgow giants won 2-1 with the winner coming from Derek Johnstone.

"Yes, it's going to be quite a game," says former international goalkeeper Bobby Clark, who is having a fine season. "We were all sick at losing in last season's Cup Final.

"Things just did not work out for us in that game. We had beaten Rangers 3-0 in a League match at Ibrox shortly before the big game and we were fairly confident, but we just did not play to our abilities that day at Hampden.

"Obviously it would be nice to gain revenge on Saturday. It's never easy facing the Old Firm at Hampden because they seem to be playing there every second week!

"They are used to the atmosphere, but I know we can rise to the occasion. I've got a Scottish Cup and League Cup winners medals and both of them came against

the other half of the Old Firm, Celtic.

"We'll go into this game as underdogs probably, but that hardly frightens us. When we beat Rangers 5-1 in the Semi-Final a couple of years ago they were the favourites to progress, but things don't always go according to plan."

Rangers walked through last season's Scottish Cup Final and won a lot more convincingly than the narrow 2-1 scoreline would suggest.

Aberdeen started well and two

cross into The Dons penalty-box.

The Aberdeen defenders were caught turning as Alex MacDonald, so lethal with the head, darted forward to make contact and send his effort past Clark into the net. The end came for Aberdeen when Johnstone outjumped centre-back Willie Garner to a right-wing cross from Tommy McLean and sent a whiplash header high into the net with Clark left absolutely helpless.

Aberdeen pulled one back through Steve Ritchie near the end, but there was no chance of a fightback. They were a disappointed team, but they certainly believe they will do better on this occasion.

Things have changed quite drastically, of course, since that meeting in May. For a start both clubs have new managers to guide

CAN THE DONS MASTER CUP-HOLDERS?



efforts from Drew Jarvie, always dangerous, always busy, and John McMaster hit a shot over the crossbar with Peter McCloy looking on and after that Rangers took over with Bobby Russell in brilliant form in the middle of the park.

The astute youngster revelled in the glorious sunshine that afternoon and hit telling passes all over the place with either foot. He set up the first goal just before the interval with a cunning waist-high

BELOW . . . Rangers' Derek Parlane (right) goes close during the 1976-77 League Cup Semi-Final clash with Aberdeen. The Dons won 5-1. **RIGHT . . .** Rangers (light shorts) beat Aberdeen 2-1 to clinch last season's Scottish Cup.





LEFT . . . Aberdeen's Steve Archibald (right) missed the 1977-78 Scottish Cup Final because he was Cup-tied.

Aberdeen will have to watch the raiding of Smith who can explode upon a game without warning. Last season he scored a magnificent hat-trick in the 6-1 victory at Ibrox as he ghosted through The Dons rearguard time after time.

He is a lethal player who enjoys the big-time setting and he has the speed to tear defences apart. Aberdeen will also be keeping a close watch on Alex MacDonald, the little midfield dynamo who is having such a great season.

MacDonald is another player who can steal goals. He popped up to head one in against Juventus in the European Cup earlier this season and he repeated that act with a full length effort against PSV Eindhoven in Holland as Rangers won another European Cup-tie.

He is a Cup Final specialist when you consider he scored against Aberdeen last season and two years previously netted in the Scottish Cup Final against Hearts with a sweeping 25 yard shot. Earlier that term he had scored the only goal of the League Cup Final against Celtic with another diving

many aspects as well as being a passport to Europe via the U.E.F.A. Cup. Manager Alex Ferguson has told us all what he expects from us against Rangers.

"I think we have got the players who can turn a game. I'm talking about the likes of Joe Harper, who can snap up goals from nothing. It's a pleasure playing alongside such a player.

"He encourages you throughout a match and is always there with a word of advice. I really appreciate it. With Joe striking up-front and Drew Jarvie working in midfield, Willie Miller controlling the defence and Bobby Clark in goal we have a strong streak running through the side.

"We feel we let down our fans in last season's Scottish Cup Final when things went sour. We want to make up for that. Saturday at Hampden looks the ideal time and place."

Hampden will rock to its foundations as both these sides go for the jugular vein. There will be no messing about as they collide in hectic battle and it's a game where the brave will survive.

The key is likely to be with Joe Harper or Derek Johnstone. They will probably get the best opportunities to win this match and whoever is on form on the day could be the hero of the 90 minutes.



them.

John Greig captained Rangers to that victory without realising it would be his last game as a player. Shortly afterwards boss Jock Wallace sensationally quit to take over the running of Leicester City and Greig moved into the Ibrox hot seat.

Billy McNeill, who took Aberdeen to that Final, has now, of course, returned to his first love Celtic after just a year as manager of the Pittodrie side.

Alex Ferguson, a former Ranger, has taken over at Aberdeen and he says: "My boys are looking forward to this match. It's my first major Cup Final as a manager and I just hope it is memorable.

"It should be a good match for the fans and the result could go either way. Obviously I believe Aberdeen will win the trophy, but we know we will have to fight every inch of the way against Rangers. They don't surrender trophies without a great struggle."

The Ibrox club won the League

Cup last season after a titanic battle against Celtic. The Ibrox side took the lead with an unstoppable, raging left foot shot from Davie Cooper and then absorbed a lot of Parkhead pressure.

The ball bounced around their penalty-area like an out of control pinball machine before Johannes Edvaldsson headed the equaliser with goalkeeper Stewart Kennedy misjudging a right-wing cross from young Alan Sneddon.

Challenged

The game went into extra-time and Rangers had a couple of escapes before substitute Alex Miller sent over a cross from the right and goalkeeper Peter Latchford, challenged by Alex MacDonald, could only half-punch the ball away.

That was all Gordon Smith needed and he dived to head the ball into the vacant net for the winner with just two minutes remaining.

header.

"We'll be treating this as just another game to be won," says Ibrox boss John Greig. "The tradition of this club is to win EVERY game . . . it doesn't matter whether it's a friendly or a Cup Final. They are all there to be won.

"Aberdeen deserve our respect and they will get it. They are a good team, but, then, so are we. I just want my lads to settle early and show their best form."

Pittodrie striker Stevie Archibald is looking forward to his first major Cup Final. He says: "I just hope I'm in the side. Last season I had to miss the Scottish Cup Final because I was Cup-tied with my former club, Clyde.

"I had scored two goals at Ibrox in a League match just before the Cup Final and I was feeling really on top of my form. It was agony that afternoon watching my mates lose.

"Now we want to show everyone our real form. The League Cup is so important in



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Alex Miller on the mark for Rangers against Aberdeen. ABOVE . . . Gordon Smith scored the winning goal for Rangers against Celtic in last term's League Cup Final at Hampden.



STEVE COPPELL (Man. United) LONG-RANGERS

THE sort of goal I most enjoy scoring is not the type I usually get — from about 20 yards. During the World Cup, there was nothing I enjoyed more on television than to see players blasting shots into the net from long-range, creating for me some of the most thrilling sights in the competition.

So I was delighted when I was able to score a goal from the edge of the penalty-area, in a match against 'Spurs at Old Trafford. We had been building up an attack on the left, and when Stewart Houston knocked the ball on to me, I pushed it slightly to one side before hitting it just right and seeing the shot flash home.

HANSEN'S CLASS

NOTTINGHAM Forest and Liverpool are my choice for the teams with the best defences, with Liverpool having the edge for the incredibly low number of goals scored against them this season. At home or away, their back-four is difficult to penetrate, and their consistency at giving very little away stays with them season after season.

Picking out an individual among Liverpool's selection of quality defenders is not the easiest job in the world, because of the high level of their team-work. Yet if I had to single somebody out, it

would have to be centre-back Alan Hansen. He is first-class in his all-round work, including his strength in the tackle and ability in the air. But it is his use of the ball that impresses me most — it is immaculate.

CORRIGAN'S TRAGEDY

THERE is no problem about naming an outstanding goalkeeper — it must be Peter Shilton or Ray Clemence. And it's a tragedy for big Joe Corrigan that he has to compete against these two for an England place. If Joe happened to be a Scotsman, he would have no trouble in collecting international caps, but in the English First Division, the standard of goalkeeping is so high that even an average 'keeper in this class would be considered good anywhere else.

Take Ray Clemence, for example — he is so fast at coming off his line that he qualifies as an extra sweeper. And I think Ray picked this up from a predecessor of his at Anfield, Tommy Lawrence. Tommy was powerfully built, yet used to come out of his goal like an express train, and I remember he had this attribute when I was with him at Tranmere.

HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS

GROUND'S I love and hate? I've two or three, starting with Maine Road. For me, personally, this is a lucky ground and I seem to do well there against Manchester City, even if the United side as a whole has less happy memories of it. Then there is Goodison Park, home of title-contenders Everton. At Goodison, there is no middle way — we either lose emphatically or win decisively, such as a 3-0 defeat we suffered which had to be balanced by beating them 6-2. Lastly, Highbury. Against Arsenal there this season, we drew 1-1, but in seven previous outings on The Gunners' own pitch, they managed to score three goals on each occasion.

"Take that" — Joe Corrigan fists clear of Man. City's defence (below).



ATTACKERS ON GOALS...



PETER BARNES (Man. City) SOLO RUNS

I ALWAYS think the best kind of goal to score is the one that comes from individual effort, featuring a solo run by a player in which he beats several opponents, then finishes off by beating the goalkeeper.

Last season, in a game against Bristol City, Dennis Tueart had just scored for Manchester City, and immediately after the match had re-started, the ball came out to me on the left. I was standing on the halfway line when I gained possession and headed for the opposing goal. On the way to it, I was

able to dribble my way past three defenders, and send an angled shot past the goalkeeper into the far corner of the net.

This is the sort of goal I would like to specialise in, because it involves taking on the opposition — I believe there isn't enough individualism in the game today, and I get as much pleasure from a dribble as I do from scoring.

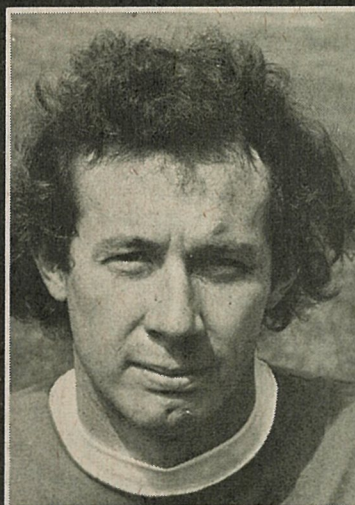
LEEDS HARD TO BEAT

THE Leeds United defenders get my vote as the hardest to play against, and as well as being hard to beat, they also have another asset — they are good at going forward, helping their midfield men and front runners to find gaps in the opposing back-four.

And one player who does this so well for Leeds is Paul Madeley, a talented defender whose versatility makes him a key man in an outstanding rearguard.

JENNINGS — ALMOST UNBEATABLE

UNDOUBTEDLY the best goalkeeper I've played against is Pat Jennings (right), who sometimes



LIAM BRADY (Arsenal) TEAM-WORK

THE goal I would describe as a speciality is one in which three or four players would be involved, a cleverly executed passing move-

ment ending in the ball being planted in the back of the net. So far, I haven't managed to score from a movement of this sort, but it is my idea of a classic goal.

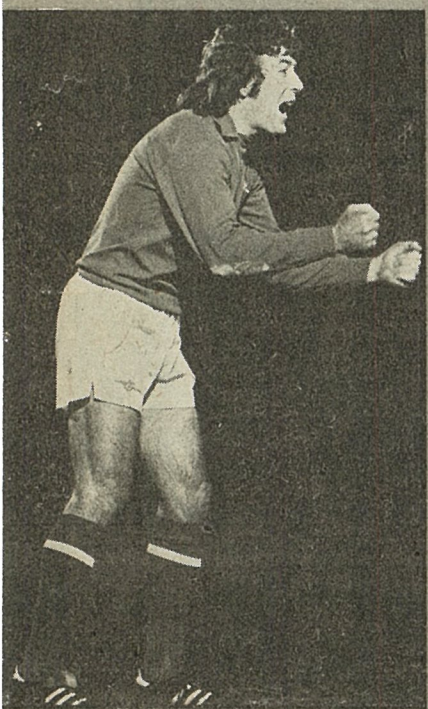
The men concerned in making the goal would need to demonstrate pin-point passing, quickness of thought and movement, plus skilful ball-control. Splitting a modern defence can be a difficult business, and to see it accomplished with style and flair by brilliant team-work is one of the finest sights in the game.

LIVERPOOL LEADS

I RATE the Liverpool defence as the finest, and the organisation of first-class. One of the most impressive things about it is the manner in which changes can be made in the back-four positions without altering the defensive efficiency in any way. A bad mistake is rare, due to the cover afforded by each defender, and even if the opposition makes a breakthrough, there is still a goalkeeper like Ray Clemence to beat at the end of it.

To me, Liverpool's Phil Thompson is the outstanding example of

DEFENCES... GOALIES AND GROUNDS



seems virtually unbeatable. His reflexes these days seem as good as ever, and I think his particular strength comes from his ability to read the game — he is very hard to catch out, and he can be moving to stop a shot before it's actually left the foot of the opposing forward.

I have managed to beat Pat a couple of times with chip shots, once when he was with Tottenham, then later with Arsenal — which made me feel I had accomplished something. Along with his handling, he has the bravery and confidence that make the super-'keeper.

MOLINEUX JINX

ANFIELD stands out for me as the ground I most like to visit. The pitch is wide, and the Liverpool fans enjoy what takes place on it — they are also sporting enough to applaud a good move by the visiting team as well as their own. In contrast, Molineux is not a ground I care to play at. I'm not superstitious, but at the same time, I can't help feeling there is some sort of 'jinx' on it.



CLEM'S TOPS

FOR a top goalkeeper, once again I go to Liverpool — Ray Clemence. He doesn't possess any weaknesses, but he does have all the qualities that are needed to make him the best in the business. His handling, judgment in any type of situation, ability to deal with crosses, low shots — Ray is fully equipped in every department. And when he has to leave his goal, he does it more quickly, and more decisively, than any of his rivals.

QUALITY STADIUMS

THERE are no bad grounds for me, but there are those that I like to visit, and they are all grounds which have the quality I like — atmosphere. It is the places such as Anfield, Old Trafford, Goodison Park and Elland Road that have an extra attraction to me, because of the excitement generated by the fans. All these stadiums have colour, and I enjoy playing at all of them.

Phil Thompson's outstanding the talented centre-back — his reading of the game, his distribution, tackling and all-round play are all qualities that make him successful in his role.



Bob Latchford's near-post header (above) that helped sink Wales in 1978.



BOB LATCHFORD (Everton) NEAR-POSTERS

ANSWERING the question of which type of goal I most enjoy scoring is not an easy one to answer — but on reflection it must be a near-post header. It was a goal of this sort that I scored for England, my first for them, against Wales in the British Championships last year.

We were putting pressure on the Welsh defence, and Peter Barnes was in possession on the wing, before slinging over a centre. It was directed to the near post, and defenders and myself moved towards the ball. Then I pushed past one Welsh player and dived, and the next thing I knew was picking myself up from the ground, and seeing the ball in the back of the net.

To score a goal like this, you must have a team-mate who knows where to find you when he crosses, and the centre-forward has to be poised to make his effort and get to the ball before the opposing defenders.

MADELEY'S MAGIC

WHEN I'm asked which is the defence I find hardest to play against, my reply is always the

same — they are all hard! But four which are particularly difficult to come up against are Liverpool, Leeds United, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest.

In the Liverpool back-four there are fellows of the calibre of Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen, and this two-some gives very little away. They link up well with the rest of the defence, and are difficult to outwit.

Leeds have long been noted for their defensive work, and in Paul Madeley they have a player who typifies all the qualities essential at the back — anticipation, quickness, bravery.

For Arsenal, Dave O'Leary stands out in a very competent defence, and Nottingham Forest proved their excellence at the back by winning the League Championship.

GENNOE'S TRUMPS

MENTION top goalkeepers, and most people think of the Clemences and the Shiltons — but the man who has impressed me most in two games against him is Southampton's Terry Gennoe. His reflexes were first-class, and made me wonder if there was a harder 'keeper to beat anywhere.

NORTH-EAST BEST

WHICH ground do I find it hardest to score at? That's easy — the answer is Molineux. So far, I've never managed to score against Wolves away, and I can't give any concrete reason for this, such as a difficult playing surface or conditions — as far as I'm concerned Molineux is just not a happy hunting ground for me.

But I have managed to get goals in the North-East. St. James' Park at Newcastle, and Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park are grounds at which conditions are windy and cold — yet I like playing up there, especially if I can come away with a goal or two to my credit.



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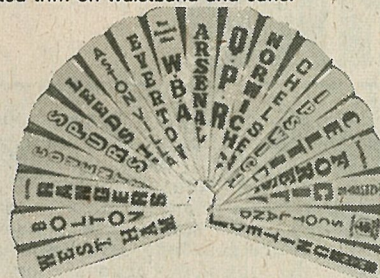
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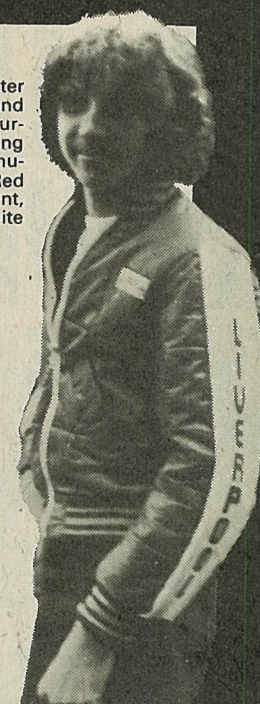
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THE rivalry between Aston Villa and Birmingham City is legendary. While Villa supporters can boast about the amount of silverware that has been carried off to Villa Park, Birmingham fans have less to gloat about.

The only trophy won by Birmingham in their long history has been the Football League Cup.

They were formed as Small Heath Alliance by members of Trinity Church, Bordesley, in 1875, who ran the cricket club.

In 1885 the club turned professional and three seasons later the club dropped the word Alliance and as Small Heath were elected as original members of the Second Division in 1892.

A puzzle for your friends is to ask how Birmingham, or Small Heath as they were then, finished top of the Second Division in their first season but failed to win promotion.

The answer is that it was before the days of relegation and promotion. Then 'Test Matches' were played and the club lost their's.

The following season they had more luck and won promotion.

It was the start of a shuttle service between the First and Second Division for the club.

In 1905 they changed their name

to Birmingham and some fans may be interested to know that the 'City' was not added until 1945.

The best period in the First Division was between 1921 and 1939. It was 18 seasons in which Birmingham never rose above eighth place (1924-25) and several times had close escapes from relegation.

One of those seasons was their 1930-31 campaign when the club finished 19th yet reached their first ever F.A. Cup Final.

It was a fine performance as the

Birmingham Roll of Honour

Division Two Champions:
1892-93, 1920-21, 1947-48,
1954-55.
Football League Cup Winners:
1963.

previous best in the trophy had been the Fifth Round in 1927-28.

In that 1927-28 season Joe Bradford set the club scoring record for goals in a season with 29 League goals.

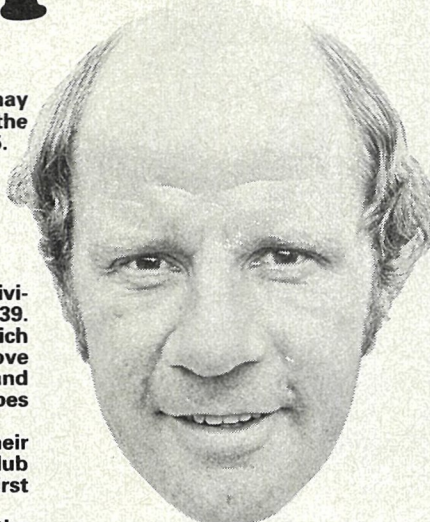
Striker Joe also holds the goals aggregate record with 249 goals between 1920-35—a figure that City supporters believe will stand for all time with the club's present record.

In that 1931 Final, Birmingham went down 2-1 to West Bromwich Albion with their goal coming, of course, from Joe Bradford.

In the last full season of League football before World War Two, Birmingham finished 21st and were relegated.

It was a long wait before football was resumed but City, as they were now, finished third in their first season and then Champions of the Second Division in 1947-48 when they conceded only 24 goals in their 42 match campaign.

Yet the club only lasted two seasons before being relegated in 1950 and spent five more seasons



Manager Jim Smith

TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

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19	Manchester Utd	0-1	A
22	Middlesbrough	1-3	H
26	Derby Co	1-1	H
Sept			
2	Bolton W	2-2	A
9	Liverpool	0-3	H
16	Norwich C	0-4	A
23	Chelsea	1-1	H
30	Leeds U	0-3	A
Oct			
7	Man. City	1-2	H
14	Tottenham H	0-1	A
21	Aston Villa	0-1	H
28	Coventry C	1-2	A
Nov			
4	W.B.A.	0-1	A
11	Man. United	5-1	H
18	Derby Co	1-2	A
21	Bolton W	3-0	H
25	Bristol C	1-1	H
Dec			
2	Southampton	0-1	A
9	Everton	1-3	H
16	Nottm. Forest	0-1	A
26	Wolves	1-2	A
30	Arsenal	1-3	A
Feb			
3	Chelsea	1-2	A
10	Leeds U	0-1	H
13	Liverpool	0-1	A
24	Tottenham	1-0	H
Mar			
3	Aston Villa	0-1	A
6	Q.P.R.	3-1	H
10	Coventry C	0-0	H
24	Middlesbrough		A
31	Bristol C		A
Apr			
7	Southampton		H
14	Wolves		H
16	Q.P.R.		A
17	Ipswich T		A
21	Nottm. Forest		H
28	Everton		A
May			
5	Arsenal		H

To be arranged: Norwich (H), Ipswich (H), West Brom (H) and Man. City (A).

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in the Second before being Champions again in 1954-55 and winning promotion.

One record that Birmingham can be proud of is the fact that they were the first English club to compete in European competitions.

Very well they performed too. Reaching the Semi-Final of the Fairs Cup in their first attempt in a campaign that lasted from 1955-58 and then being losing Finalists in 1958-60 (a two season competition) and again in the 1960-61 season.

City appeared at Wembley in the 1955-56 F.A. Cup Final but went down to a Don Revie inspired Manchester City by 3-1. Noel Kinsey scoring for City.

Ten seasons were spent in the First Division and not many clubs have lived on the tight-rope that City did before finally dropping down in 1965.

From the 1959-60 term, City finished 19th, 19th, 17th, 20th and 20th again before being relegated.

In the 1971-72 season City finished Second Division runners-up.

Action from the Birmingham-West Brom. F.A. Cup Final in 1931.



Continued on page 26

BACK ROW (left to right): Derek Jefferson (coach), Pat Howard, Kevin Broadhurst, Jim Montgomery, Neil Freeman, Don Givens, Alan Ainscow, Keith Bradley (Youth coach).
 MIDDLE ROW: Ray Davey (kit man), Alan Buckley, Gary Emmanuel, Steve Fox (now Wrexham), Keith Bertschin, Alberto Tarantini, Tony Towers, Kevin Dillon, Norman Bodell (asst.-manager).
 FRONT ROW: Jim Williams (physio), Jimmy Calderwood, Trevor Francis (now Nottingham Forest), Joe Gallagher, Jim Smith (manager), Garry Pendrey, Malcolm Page, Stewart Barrowclough.
 SITTING: Micky Rathbone, Pat van den Huewe, Mark Dennis, Paul Brady.





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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

CONTINUED

PEN PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to end of December, 1978.)

ALAN AINSCOW: Midfielder signed in the summer of 1978 from Blackpool. Born Bolton. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 9. 3½. L. App:— Blackpool 178 and 14 sub, Birmingham 8 and 4 sub. G:— Blackpool 28, Birmingham 1.

STEWART BARROWCLOUGH: Striker signed in part exchange for Terry Hibbitt and Jim Connolly from Newcastle in May, 1978. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 9.0. L. App:— Barnsley 9, Newcastle 201 and 18 sub, Birmingham 12 and 3 sub. G:— Newcastle 20.

KEITH BERTSCHIN: Striker signed from Ipswich Town in July, 1977, for a big fee. England Under-21 International who has missed a lot of this season owing to injury. Born Enfield. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.8. L. App:— Ipswich 19 and 13 sub, Birmingham 45. G:— Ipswich 8, Birmingham 12.

KEVAN BROADHURST: Midfielder signed professional in March, 1977. Born Dewsbury. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 20 and 2 sub. G:— 1.

ALAN BUCKLEY: Striker signed from Walsall in October, 1978. Born Mansfield. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 9.11. L. App:— Nottm. Forest 16 and 2 sub, Walsall 241, Birmingham 10 and 1 sub. G:— Nottm. Forest 1, Walsall 125, Birmingham 5.

JIMMY CALDERWOOD: Defender signed professional in July, 1972. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 125 and 9 sub. G:— 4.

MARK DENNIS: Young defender introduced into the League side this season and has made a good impression. L. App:— 16.

GARY EMMANUAL: Midfielder or striker signed professional in July, 1971. Born Swansea. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L. App:— 61 and 10 sub. G:— 6.

NEIL FREEMAN: Goalkeeper signed from Southend United in the summer of 1978. Born Northampton. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 14.4. L. App:—



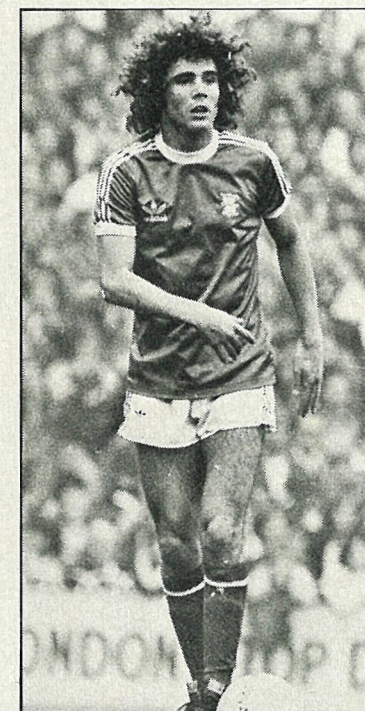
Jim Montgomery (above) foils an Arsenal attack at Highbury this season. Alan Ainscow (left), Alan Buckley (below, left), Jimmy Calderwood (below).



Full Welsh international. Born Knucklas (Rads). Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App: 306 and 11 sub. G:— 9.

TONY TOWERS: Midfielder who cost £150,000 when signed from Sunderland in July, 1977. England Under-23 international and three full caps. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 11.2½. L. App:— Man. City 117 and 5 sub, Sunderland 108, Birmingham 55 and 1 sub. G:— Man. City 10, Sunderland 19, Birmingham 2.

ALBERTO TARANTINI: Defender signed from Argentina in September, 1978. He is a full international. L. App:— 10. G:— 1.



Alberto Tarantini, Birmingham's Argentinian defender.

Blues hopes fade

THE signs look bad for Birmingham City. Anything is possible in football but even Jasper Carrott must have given up hope of his favourite club staying up in the First Division.

City received a million pounds for Trevor Francis when they sold him to Nottingham Forest but even with that amount of money, City still look doomed as manager Jim Smith struggles to find a winning combination.

Injuries have not helped Smith. He lost striker Keith Bertschin after only three games and he was out for a long period. Then making his comeback, Keith suffered another leg break.

Francis himself was injured after four games and missed 14 League games before returning against Everton on December 9th. Then in February Francis departed and with him the hopes of Birmingham City.

Grimsby 33, Southend 69, Birmingham 11.

JOE GALLAGHER: Central defender signed professional in January, 1972. Born Liverpool. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— 179 and 5 sub. G:— 13.

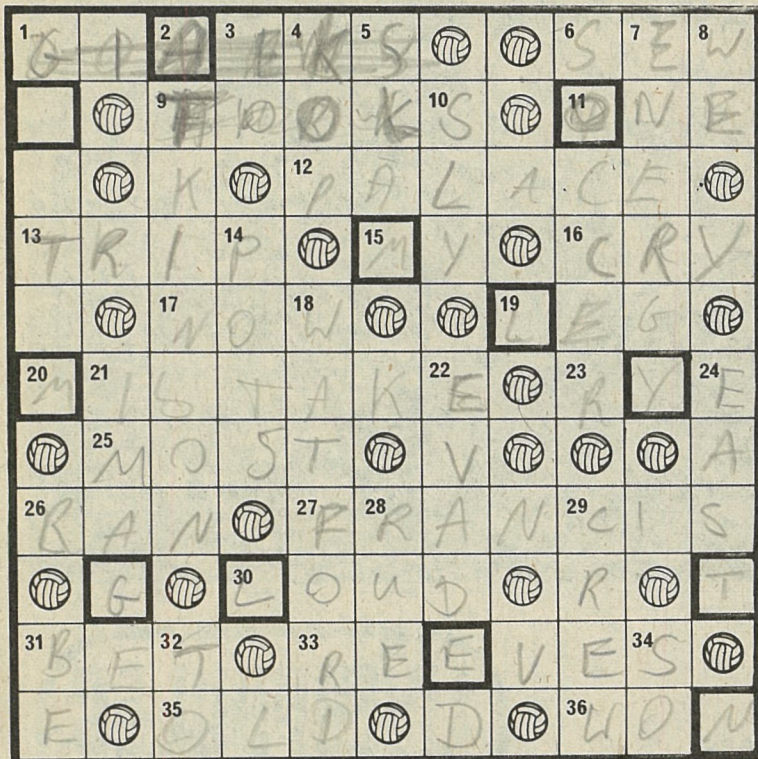
DON GIVENS: Striker signed from Queens Park Rangers in the summer of 1978. Eire international. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— Man. Utd. 4 and 4 sub, Luton 80 and 3 sub, Q.P.R. 242, Birmingham 22. G:— Man. Utd. 1, Luton 19, Q.P.R. 76, Birmingham 5.

JIM MONTGOMERY: Veteran goalkeeper who is still in great form. Signed from Sunderland in March, 1977, and an England Under-23 international. Born Sunderland. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— Sunderland 537, Southampton (Loan) 5, Birmingham 64.

MALCOLM PAGE: Defender and long serving player who signed professional in September, 1964.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Chelsea striker. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Don —, Queens Park Rangers player.
- (6) What word completes -hr--sbury Town?
- (9) Working implements, of which the groundsman would undoubtedly have some.
- (11) Aberdeen's score in the 1978 Scottish Cup Final.
- (12) Crystal — from Selhurst Park.
- (13) Cause to stumble.
- (15) John -ahone- of Middlesbrough.
- (16) Weep — perhaps over a bad performance.
- (17) S-ind-- Town. The omissions in reverse.
- (19) The fibula is a bone in it.
- (20) Error.
- (23) Dave O'L-a-- (Arsenal). Cereal from the missing letters.
- (25) Take four letters from Portsmouth to give the greatest number.
- (26) Prohibit from playing.
- (27) Trevor —, Nottingham Forest striker.
- (30) Strongly audible.
- (31) Wager.
- (33) Kevin —, Norwich City striker.
- (35) — Carthusians won the F.A. Cup in 1880/81.
- (36) Took both points, for instance!

DOWN:—

- (1) Organised method — perhaps for winning.
- (2) Ron —, West Bromwich Albion manager.
- (3) Pre-t-n Park, ground of Tranmere Rovers.
- (4) The famous — end of Liverpool.
- (5) Celtic had a "grand" one in 1966/67.
- (6) Football — by another name!
- (7) Vigour — or capacity for playing.
- (8) Peter -ith-, Newcastle striker.
- (10) Crafty or underhand.
- (14) Stoke City, The ---ter-.
- (18) Of which club is Elton John chairman?
- (21) St--ford Br-d-- (Chelsea). "Idol" from the omissions.
- (22) Escaped from or baffled.
- (24) — End Park, Dunfermline Athletic.
- (28) B--nd-n Park (Bolton). Regret from the missing letters.
- (29) ---e Alexandra play at Gresty Road.
- (31) The --es', Brentford's nickname.
- (32) Ne---. What completes the name of a Brazilian World Cup player?
- (34) Joseph Ma--pust; European Footballer of the Year, 1962.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

at Hampden Park, Wednesday, April 4th

Partick Thistle v Rangers

'This is Thistle's year for the Cup'

WRITES BOBBY HOUSTON

THE bitter memory of last season's Scottish Cup Semi-Final will spur Partick Thistle when we meet Rangers on Wednesday.

Last year we played Aberdeen in the Semis and were fairly confident of getting through to the Final against the Ibrox men. But absolutely nothing went right for us that night against The Dons at Hampden.

Aberdeen caught us cold and before we could get into the game we were trailing by two goals. Alan Rough, normally so reliable and so confident, slipped up on two occasions and twice Aberdeen scored.

Alan was big enough to admit after the game that he had blundered. No one at Firhill was blaming him, but we knew how desperately unlucky we were to lose that match 4-2.

Then look what happened in the Final. It was Aberdeen's turn to freeze and Rangers beat them 2-1.

So everyone at Firhill is determined to make up for last season's disappointment. We won't make the same mistake twice.

Certainly we will start the game as underdogs, but I should remind everyone that you could have got odds of 7-1 against Thistle before a certain League Cup Final against Celtic several years ago and we all know what happened that day, don't we! Thistle won 4-1, of course.

We respect Rangers, but we are not afraid of them.

We held them to a goal-less draw at Ibrox earlier in the season and then a goal from yours truly

gave us a 1-0 victory over them on our own ground. Recently, however, goals from Davie Cooper and Billy Urquhart gave them a 2-0 win at Firhill. It's our turn to win, now!

It's going to be an extremely tough match and I agree with Derek Johnstone when he says it is going to be tight. All the indications this season have pointed to there being little difference between the two sides. Rangers have scored twice against us in three games and we have netted one against them. That's what I call tight.

Rangers are playing well at the moment and John Greig has got the players building well from the back. But we're doing not too badly ourselves.

We've got players who can turn a game. I'm talking about the likes of Colin McAdam, a versatile player who can break up attacks as well as make and take goals. He scored twice against Airdrie in an earlier round.

Doug Somner and Jim Melrose are two young attackers who can score goals against any team anywhere. Andy Anderson scored our winner against Dumbarton in the Quarter-Finals and it's worth pointing out he is a back-four player. You can't say Partick Thistle are defensively minded!

Rangers' fans will naturally disagree, but I'm saying this is Thistle's year for the Cup. Just wait and see.

● Read what Rangers star Derek Johnstone has to say about the game on page 29.



Houston in action v. Celtic.

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International gypsy

Can you tell me if a real, genuine gypsy has ever played in international football?

ANDREW HAGUE,
ROTHERHAM

Well, I can find only one, Andrew — and that was a very long time ago. He was Bob Howell, who was born and lived in a caravan, and he played as a half-back for Sheffield United and Liverpool at the end of the last century.

Howell played for England against Ireland in 1895, and against Scotland four years later.

World Cup trail

Which countries did England beat in winning the World Cup in 1966?

PAUL O'SULLIVAN
SOLIHULL

After drawing 0-0 with Uruguay, and then beating Mexico 2-0 and France 2-0, England qualified for the Quarter-Finals, Paul.

Then Argentina were beaten 1-0, followed by a 2-1 victory over Portugal in the Semi-Final — and that famous 4-2 extra-time win over West Germany in the Final.

As host-nation, of course, England didn't have to go through the preliminaries, and all games were played in the final stages at Wembley.

Liverpool's record

What is Liverpool's all-time League record?

ANDREW BISHOP,
WINCHESTER

Well, Andrew, Liverpool entered the League (Div Two) in the 1893-94 season — and this is their League record up to the start of the present season.

FIRST DIVISION — Played 2,522; Won 1,082; Drawn 617; Lost 823; Goals-for 4,053; Goals-against 3,489; Points 2,781.

SECOND DIVISION — Played 428; Won 243; Drawn 82; Lost 103; Goals-for 977; Goals-against 571; Points 568.

Stanley Matthews

My Dad says Stanley Matthews was 50 when he packed up playing. Surely that's not right?

SIMON LEE,
STOCKPORT

It is, you know, Simon. He played his last League match — a First Division game for Stoke at home to Fulham — on 6th February, 1965.

His 50th birthday was on 1st February, that same year. And that was only super-fit Sir Stan's final League fling — he played plenty of charity and other games after that.

First Division clashes

I know Leeds beat Arsenal 1-0 in the 1972 F.A. Cup Final — but how did their First Division meetings end that same season?

PHILIP JEFFREY,
AYLESBURY

Worked out all-square, Philip. At Highbury, on 11th September, Arsenal triumphed 2-0 with goals from George Graham and Peter Storey (penalty).

Leeds, though, hit back with a 3-0 Elland Road win on 25th March — the goals coming from Allan Clarke, Mick Jones, and Peter Lorimer.

SHORT PASSES

Preston's record aggregate League scorer is Tom Finney — 187 goals between 1946 and 1960.

(JOHN DEWHURST, Preston)

Southern League Worcester City beat Liverpool 2-1 in the 1958-59 F.A. Cup Third Round.

(ADRIAN BILLSON, Loughborough)

Arsenal have been continuously in the First Division since the 1919-20 season.

(COLIN LORD, Bolton)

The Football Association was formed in 1863; Scottish Football Association in 1873; Football League in 1888; Scottish League in 1890.

(GARY LEE, Stockport)

Alfredo di Stefano was "European Footballer of the Year" twice — 1957 and 1959. He gained seven full caps for his native Argentina; three for Colombia; and 31 for Spain.

(PETER TAN, Singapore)

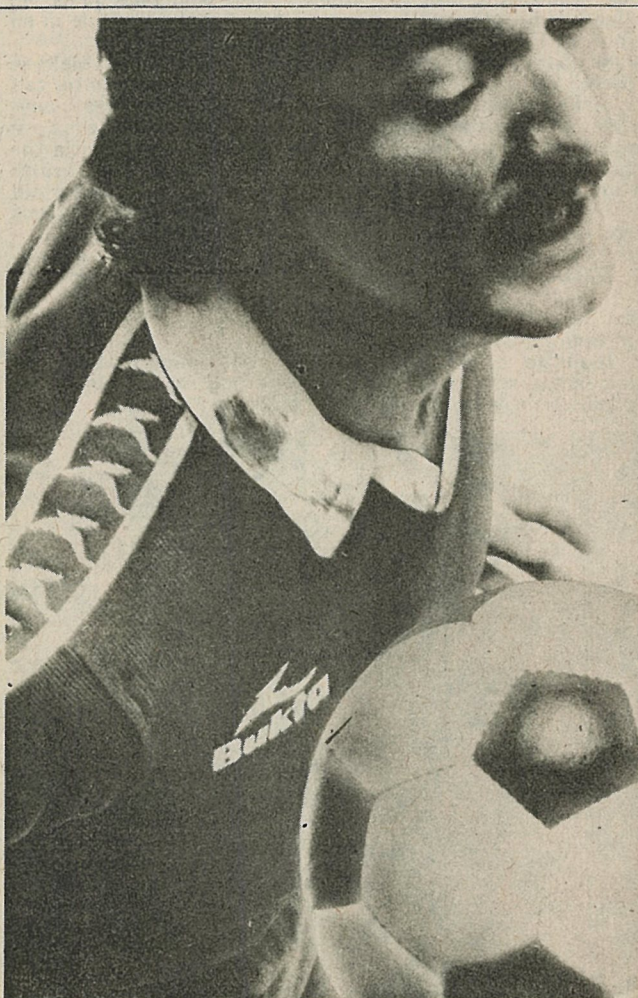
Former England captain Ronnie Clayton (580 League games and 57 F.A. Cup-ties between 1950 and 1969) has made most first team appearances for Blackburn.

(CHRISTOPHER PARSONS,
Blackburn)

Arsenal have played in nine F.A. Cup Finals — winning in 1930, 1936, 1950, and 1971; losing in 1927, 1932, 1952, 1972, and 1978.

(VICTOR CHAN, Malaysia)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



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EINTRACHT Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	
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LEEDS Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	Large
WALES Home	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	Large
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LEICESTER Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	
CRYSTAL PALACE Away	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	
ENGLAND Home	S/Boys	Boys	Youths	S/Mens	Large
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Steve Ritchie scores Aberdeen's only goal in their 2-1 defeat by Rangers in last season's Scottish Cup Final.



'IT'S HAPPY HAMPDEN FOR ME'

AROUND 4.40pm on Saturday (March 31) I hope to be parading around Hampden Park with the League Cup.

But first we have to take care of Aberdeen in the Final and I have a lot of admiration and respect for Alex Ferguson's team.

They are a good, solid unit with players who fight for each other as well as having some gifted and skilled individuals. Bobby Clark is a first rate goalkeeper. He admits he is playing better now than when he won the bulk of his international caps.

Stuart Kennedy, a swift attacking full-back, and sweeper Willie Miller are two of the best defenders in Scotland. And upfield they have goal-poacher Joe Harper. Drew Jarvie is always busy on and off the ball. Ian Scanlon, too, can be a dangerous raider.

Stevie Archibald scores goals, two coming against us in a League match at Ibrox last season.

They are the key players who will make us fight all the way at Hampden. We met them in the Scottish Cup Final last season and it was a goal from yours truly that proved to be the winner.

Actually I really enjoy playing at Hampden and I suppose you could say I have had some memorable moments there.

Look at the last three Scottish Cup Finals. Three years ago I scored twice against Hearts and we went on to take the trophy

Tartan Talk **DEREK JOHNSTONE**

with a 3-1 victory. A year later I was adjudged to have handled a header from Johannes Edvaldsson on the goal-line and the referee awarded Celtic a penalty-kick.

Andy Lynch scored and that was the only goal of the game. I must say here that I didn't handle the ball that day!

Last season we were in the Final again, beating Aberdeen 2-1.

We won more easily than the scoreline suggests. We had the bulk of the play that day and Aberdeen just couldn't get started. They'll try not to make the same mistake on Saturday.

The Dons showed how deadly they can be when they went to Parkhead and beat Celtic 2-1 in

their recent Scottish Cup Quarter-Final match.

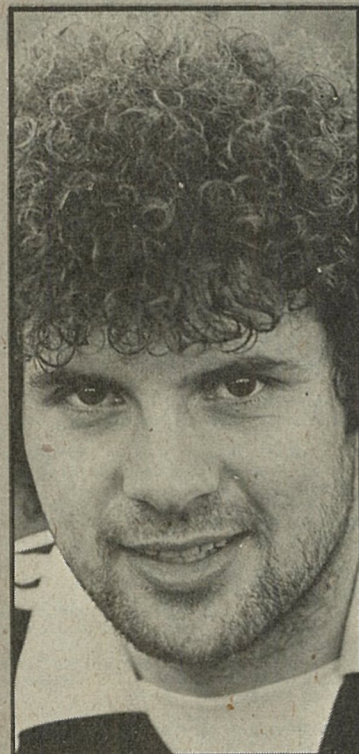
Celtic were favourites to win, but apparently Aberdeen went at them right from the kick-off and were 2-0 up after only 12 minutes. We'll have to make sure nothing like that happens against us!

So, it's going to be hectic and tense. The Dons give nothing away and we are determined to hold on to our trophy.

On Wednesday (April 4th) we return to Hampden to play Partick Thistle in the Semi-Finals of the Scottish Cup. This will be our fourth meeting of the season and so far honours are even.

We drew 0-0 with Thistle at Ibrox and then lost 1-0 at Firhill before gaining revenge earlier this month with a 2-0 victory. Obviously all the games have been tight and I don't think it will be any different at Hampden.

So Rangers are in for a couple of tough matches. Wish us luck.



Derek Johnstone

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Continued

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Spence)
SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Morris, Pountney) 4,566
 Blackpool: Hesford; Malone, Pashley, Ser-
 manni, Suddaby, McEwan, Weston, Kellow
 (Thompson), Spence, Davidson, Chandler.
 Southend: Cawston; Moody, Yates, Stead,
 Cusack, Hadley, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dud-
 ley, Laverick.

BRENTFORD (2) 3 (Smith, Phillips 2, 1 pen.)
WATFORD (2) 3 (Pritchett pen., Blissett, Jen-
 kins) 13,860
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol,
 Kruse, Graham (J), Carlton, Shrubbs, Smith,
 McCulloch, Phillips.
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth,
 Sims, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Train
 (Joslyn), Bolton.

CARLISLE 0
SHEFF. WED 0 5,675
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney,
 MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman,
 Ludlam, Bannon, Hamilton.
 Sheff. W: Turner; Shirliff, Rushbury, Mullen,
 Pickering, Johnson, Wylde, Porterfield, Leman,
 Lowey, Hornsby.

CHESTER (1) 1 (Raynor pen.)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Postlewaite) 4,375
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jef-
 fries, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Felix, Edwards, Hender-
 son, Phillips (Jones).
 Tranmere: Johnson; Parry, Mathias, Flood,
 Postlewaite, Evans, Palios, O'Neill, Kerr, Cra-
 ven, McAuley.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Walker 2)
BURY (1) 1 (Gregory) 4,332
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton,
 Hunter, Cottam, Proppett, Kowalski (Cam-
 mack), Moss, Fern, Salmons, Walker.
 Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg,
 Tucker, Hutton, Stanton (Hilton), Wilson,
 Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

EXETER (1) 2 (Delve, Sims)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Curtis) 7,697
 Exeter: O'Keefe, Templeman, Hore, Randall,
 Roberts, Hatch, Neville, Forbes, Pearson, Sims,
 Delve.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley,
 Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Phillips, James
 (Attley), Curtis, Toshack, Callaghan.

HULL (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price) 4,349
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Hawker,
 Dobson, Haigh, Warboys, Galvin (Bannister),
 Edwards, Horswill, Farley.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Over-
 ton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, White, Price,
 Westwood, Richardson.

OXFORD (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (McIntosh o.g., Cooke)
 3,842
 Oxford: Milkins; McIntosh (Jeffrey), Fogg,
 Briggs, Bodel, Taylor, Seacole, Berry, Foley,
 Hodgson, Duncan.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles,
 Doyle, Green, Ross, Carmichael, McEwan, But-
 lin, Cooke, Robson (Cliss).

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Phillips)
SWINDON (1) 3 (Mayes 3) 5,128
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin,
 Stancliffe, Green, Flynn, Finney (Dawson), Phil-
 lips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.
 Swindon: Allen; Hamilton, Ford, McHale,
 Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Mayes, Row-
 land, Carter.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Maguire, Chapman)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 6,087
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner,
 Griffin, Keay, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins,
 Maguire.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, McNeill, Harrison,
 Clarke, James, Graves (Hodges), Bason, Perrin,
 Johnson, Rogers.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Birch)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Bird) 4,157
 Walsall: Turner; Harrison (Kelly), Caswell,
 Jones, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Waddington (S),
 Austin, McDonough, Macken.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Foster (B), Cur-
 tis, Saxby (M), McClelland, Hamilton, Goodwin
 (Wood), Syrett, Bird, Allen.



Ray Train helped Watford to a 3-3 draw at Brentford.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (2) 4 (Graham 2, Bell 2)
STOCKPORT (0) 4 (Henson, Bradd 3) 9,153
 Barnley: Copley; Collins, Chambers, Little,
 Saunders, McCarthy, Riley, Clarke, Graham,
 Millar, Bell.
 Stockport: Cassidy; Smith, Fogarty, Rutter
 (Prudham), Edwards, Cahill, Henson, Halford,
 Bradd, Lee, Park.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Brown, K.)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Gould) 4,292
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller,
 Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Bothwick, Mac-
 Dougall, Scott, Brown (K.) (Massey), Johnson.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes,
 Layton, Emery, Phillips, Stephens, Jones, Hen-
 dry, O'Brien (Gould).

DONCASTER (0) 0
WIGAN (0) 1 (Wright) 4,612
 Doncaster: Peacock; Snodin, Olney, Pugh,
 Bradley, Lally, Meagan, Laidlaw, French
 (Lewis), Owen, Bentley.
 Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore,
 Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Crompton,
 Houghton, Purdie.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Ayre, Houchen)
ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Dungworth, Brodie) 2,863
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith, Gorry,
 Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen,
 Crumplin, Newton, Loadwick.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler, Long-
 horn, Edwards, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie,
 Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Bruton) 3,361
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock,
 Lillis (Armstrong), Sutton, Hart, Fletcher,
 Holmes, Cowling, Robins, Howey.
 Newport: Plumley; Walen, Byrne, Bruton,
 Oakes, Davies, Lowndes, Bailey, Goddard,
 Tynan (Reish), Moore.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Hemmerman)
GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Ford 2, Brolly) 12,782
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney (Garwood),
 Denyer, Foster, Wilson, Hemmerman, Lathan,
 Davey, Barnard, Pullar.
 Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K),
 Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Lester, Mitch-
 ell, Cumming, Brolly.

PORT VALE (0) 0
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Bentley o.g.) 3,117
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley,
 Beech, Delgado, Hawkins, Farrell, Bromage
 (Chamberlain), Wright, Todd, Sinclair.
 Halifax: Leonard; Bradley, Dunleavy, Smith,
 Sidebottom, Burke, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford
 (Campbell), Johnson, Loska.

READING (1) 5 (Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Bow-
 man, Kearns)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Reilly) 6,070
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman,
 Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke (Kearns), Kear-
 ney, Wanklyn, Lewis.

Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead,
 Reilly, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams,
 Froggatt, Cordice (Saunders), McCaffery.

YORK (1) 2 (Staniforth, Loggie)
BRADFORD C (1) 2 (Wood 2) 4,022
 York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner,
 Clements, Ford, Loggie, Wellings (Randall),
 McDonald, Staniforth.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Watson,
 Dolan, Baines, Wood, Johnson, Robertson,
 Cook, McNiven, Hutchins.

Postponed: Rochdale v Torquay; Scun-
 thorpe v Wimbledon.

SCOTTISH CUP Fourth Round

DUMBARTON (1) 3 (Sharpe 2, Blair)
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (McDougall) 3,000
 Dumbarton: Hunter; Sinclair, McNeil,
 McCluskey, Gallagher (J.), Coyle (J.), Brown,
 Gallagher (B.), Sharpe, Blair, Whiteford (D.).
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, Abel, Fallon,
 McCormick, Fanning, McDougall, Houston,
 Miller, Given, Colgan (Brown).

PARTICK (2) 3 (McAdam 2, Somner pen.)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 4,000
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker,
 Anderson, McAdam (Gibson), Campbell, Hous-
 ton, Somner, Marr, O'Hara (Melrose), Park.
 Airdrie: McCarr; Jonquin, Docherty
 (McGuire), Anderson, Black, Lapsley, McCann
 (March), McCulloch, Ross, Walker, Clark.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HEARTS (2) 3 Robertson, O'Connor 2)
RANGERS (2) 2 (Smith, Parlance) 16,500
 Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Brown, Liddell, Jefferies,
 Craig, Gibson, Fraser, O'Connor, Busby,
 Robertson (McQuade).
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth,
 Jackson, MacDonald (A.), McLean, Russell,
 Parlance, Smith, Cooper (MacDonald, J.).

HIBS (1) 1 (Bremner)
MORTON (0) 1 (Thomson) 5,691
 Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner,
 Rae, McNamara, Murray (Temperley), McLeod,
 Higgins, Callachan, Lambie.
 Morton: Bric; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson,
 Orr, Rooney, McNeill, Hutchinson, Thomson,
 Scott, Ritchie.

ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (McGarvey, Copland)
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Archibald, Strachan) 12,000
 St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Fitzpat-
 rick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark,
 Bone, Torrance, McGarvey.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Considine,
 McMaster, Rougvie, Millar, Sullivan, Archibald,
 Scanlon, Jarvie (Davidson), Strachan.

Postponed: Dundee U v Celtic; Morton v
 Motherwell; Partick v Hibs.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

SCOTTISH CUP Third Round

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Pirie pen.)
FALKIRK (0) 0 9,671
 Dundee: Donaldson; Barr, Schaedler, Mc-
 Laren, Glennie, Watson, Murphy, Lamb (Scrim-
 gour), Pirie, Shirra, Redford (Davidson).
 Falkirk: McKell; Johnston, Burrell (Thomson)
 (Letton), Hay, Brown, Stevenson, Hoggan,
 Oliver, McRoberts, McCallan, Perry.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

F.A. CUP Fourth Round

W.B.A. (0) 3 (Cunningham, Brown A., Regis)
LEEDS (1) 3 (Gray F., Graham, Harris) 34,900
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown
 (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis,
 Cantello, Cunningham.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart,
 Madeley, Harris, Stevenson, Hawley, Currie,
 Graham.

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Young 3)
LEICESTER (1) 1 (Henderson) 11,972
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Edwards, Gar-
 dener, Blair, Hurst, Steel, Young, Halom, Chap-
 man, Heaton.
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe,
 O'Neill, May, Ridley, Goodwin, Williams, Hen-
 derson, Smith, Buchanan (Kelly).

Fourth Round replay

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
BURNLEY (2) 3 (Fletcher, Ingham, Kindon) 37,507
 Sunderland: Watson; Henderson, Bolton,
 Arnott, Clarke, Elliott, Chisholm, Rostroh
 (Ashurst), Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble,
 Thomson, Rodaway, Robinson, Ingham,
 Fletcher, Kindon, James.

Fifth Round

C. PALACE (0) 0
WOLVES (1) 1 (Patching) 26,790
 Palace: Burrage; Hinshelwood (Hilaire),
 Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas,
 Murphy, Swindlehurst, Fenwick, Walsh.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel,
 McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Patching, Bell (Daley),
 Richards, Carr.

IPSWICH (4) 6 (Brazil 2, Mills, Muhren, Geddis,
 Mariner)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (White) 23,231
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley (Geddis), Tibbott,
 Mills, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner,
 Brazil, Woods.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Harding,
 Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, White,
 Emmanuel, Hendrie (Staniforth).

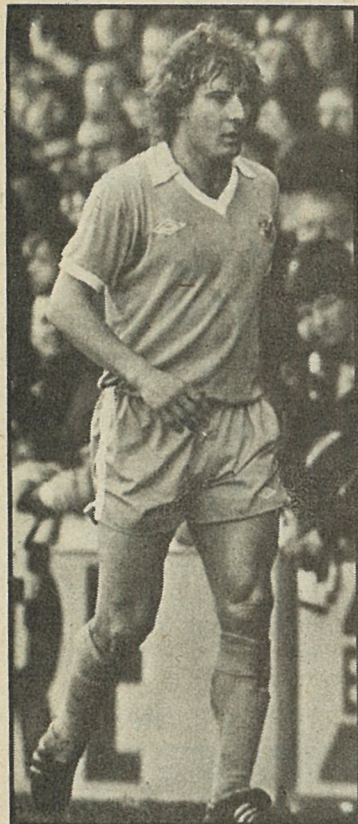


Steve Kindon was on the mark for Burnley against Sunderland.

NOTT F. FOREST (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton) 35,906
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark,
 McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Gemmill,
 Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot,
 O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Staple-
 ton, Price, Rice.

Fifth Round replay

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Biggins 2, Leonard)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dungworth) a.e.t. 13,720
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner,
 Griffin, Keay, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins,
 Maguire.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wooler
 (Edwards), Longhorn, Youlden, Jopling,
 Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth,
 McGregor.



Scotland international Asa Hartford had a good game v. Norwich.

SECOND DIVISION

LUTON (0) 1 (Turner)
WEST HAM (0) 4 (Cross 2, Devonshire, Robson) 14,205
 Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Aizlewood, West, Turner, Price, Silkman, Carr, Taylor, Hatton, Hill.
 West Ham: Parkes; McDowell, Brush, Curbishley, Martin, Bonds, Holland, Devonshire, Cross, Brookings, Robson.

FOURTH DIVISION

READING (2) 3 (Earles 2, Kearns)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen) 6,812
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman (Alexander), Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearns, Wanklyn, Lewis.
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith, Gorry, Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Houchen, Crumplin, Newton, Loadwick.

STOCKPORT (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Kavanagh, Earl) 2,676
 Stockport: Cassidy; Smith, Cahill, Edwards, Park, Fogarty, Henson, Halford, Bradd, Prudham, Lee.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Earl (Gibson), Kavanagh, Keeley.

SCOTTISH CUP Third Round

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Fitzpatrick, Stark) 9,279
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Stark, Kopel (Holt), Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Addison, Stewart, Sturrock, Kirkwood (Dodds), Payne.
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beck, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Torrance (Abercrombie), McGarvey.

Replay

ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Lawson, Thomas)
MORTON (2) 4 (Scott, Ritchie 3, 1 pen.) 3,224
 St. Johnstone: Geoghegan; Weir, McNeil, Muir, Hamilton (G), Rutherford, Belosi (Thomas), Brogan, Branagan, Hamilton (J) (Montgomery), Lawson.
 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, McLaren, McNeil, Hutchinson, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie (Russell).

Fourth Round

CELTIC (1) 3 (Lynch pen., Burns, McDowell o.g.)

BERWICK (0) 0 13,000
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldson, Provan, MacLeod, McCluskey (McAdam), Burns, Doyle.
 Berwick: Frame; Rutherford, MacLeod, Smith (D), McDowell, Jobson, Davidson, Moyes, Smith (G), Tait, Wheatley.

Replay

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 7,500
RANGERS (1) 1 (Urquhart)
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch; McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell, Bourke, Mauchlan, Street.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, Smith, Russell, Johnstone, Urquhart, Cooper.

Postponed: Third Division Mansfield v. Rotherham.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

FIRST DIVISION

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Owen 2, 1 pen.) 30,012
NORWICH (1) 2 (Robson, Peters)
 Man. C: Corrigan; Donachie, Power, Owen, Booth, Fletcher (P), Channon, Viljoen, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.
 Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Symonds, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, McGuire, Fashanu, Robson, Paddon, Peters.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 1 (Kennedy)
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Bury: Forrest; Hatton, Kennedy, Lugg, Whitehead, Bailey, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory (Madden), Taylor.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewhite, Evans, Palios, O'Neill, Kerr, Craven, McAuley.

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Hodge, Wignall)
WALSALL (0) 0 3,135
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Packer, Foley, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.
 Walsall: Turner; Harrison, Caswell, Jones, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Waddington, Austin (King), McDonagh, Macken.

PLYMOUTH (3) 4 (Binney pen., Bason, Johnson, Fear)
EXETER (1) 2 (Delve, Sims) 12,637
 Plymouth: Hodge; Uzzell, McNeill, Harrison, James, Clarke, Bason, Megson, Binney (Fear), Johnson, Rogers.
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randall, Giles Roberts, Neville, Pearson, Sims, Delve, Hatch.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Toshack, Stevenson)
CHESTER (1) 2 (Henderson, Raynor pen.)
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Phillips, Attley, Toshack, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan (Charles).
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Felix, Howat (Sutcliffe), Phillips, Henderson.

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Seal, Nattress)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Mounford)
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Nattress, Craig, Stone, Probert (Maitland), Wann, Walsh, Ferguson, Seal.
 Halifax: Kilner; Bradley, Dunleavy, Smith, Sidebottom (Campbell), Burke, Firth, Kennedy, Mounford, Loska, Johnson.

DONCASTER (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Holmes, Howey) 3,419
 Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Snodin, Meagan, Bradley, Lally, Laidlaw, Owen, French (Lewis), Bentley, Pugh.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Hanvey, Sutton (Armstrong), Fletcher, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Howey.

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Ford, Cumming)
CREWE (2) 2 (Davies 2)
 Grimsby: Batch; Moody (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Broily, Ford, Lester (Drinkell), Mitchell, Cumming.
 Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Dulson, Purdie, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Roberts, Nelson, Warlock, Coyne.

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Oakes, Tynan)
BRADFORD (2) 4 (Robertson, Dolan's McNiven 2)
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne (Relish), Davies, Oakes, Bruton, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Watson, Johnson, Baines, Wood, Robertson, Dolan, Cook, McNiven, Hutchins.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

F.A. CUP Fifth Round

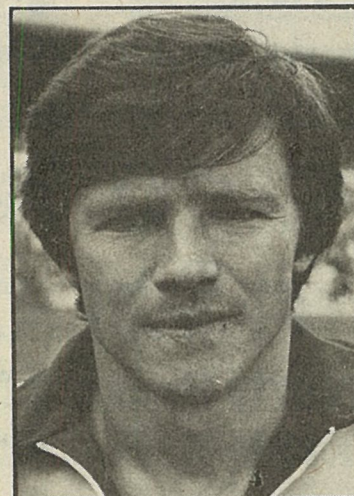
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Johnson 2, Souness)
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Kennedy (A), Kennedy (R), Thompson, Dalglish, Johnson, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Ingham, Hall, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

OLDHAM (0) 0 16,097
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Perryman)
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Keegan, Gardner, Blair, Hurst, Steel (Bell), Young, Halom, Chapman, Heaton.
 Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles (Lee), McAllister, Jones, Taylor.

FIRST DIVISION

DERBY (0) 0 15,935
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Woods)
 Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Wicks, Carter, Powell, Caskey (Caskey), Rioch, Greenwood.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Mills, Tibbott, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil (Geddis), Woods.

MAN. UTD. (1) 2 (Greenhoff, J., Coppell)
Q.P.R. (0) 0 36,085
 Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Nichol, Thomas.
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Roeder, Busby, Shanks, Francis, Eastoe, Bowles, Goddard.



Steve Perryman scored for Spurs in their F.A. Cup-tie at Oldham.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner)
CARDIFF (1) 4 (Stevens, Grapes, Buchanan, Evans) 7,158
 Blackburn: Butcher; Fowler, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Garner, Radford, Round, Birchenall (Craig).
 Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Grapes, Stevens, Moore, Evans, Buchanan.

STOKE (0) 1 (O'Callaghan)
PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce) 18,177
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Potts, Bruce.

WREXHAM (2) 4 (Whittle, Shinton 2, Fox)
SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0 9,764
 Wrexham: Davies; Sutton, Jones, Cegielski, Roberts, Iles, Shinton, Cartwright, McNeil, Lyons (Whittle), Fox.
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Speight, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, Flood, Jones, Stainrod, Sabella, Hamson.

Postponed: Leicester v Fulham.

THIRD DIVISION

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Fern)
SWINDON (1) 1 (Kamara)
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, Prophet, Tarr, Moss, Fern, Salmons, Walker.
 Swindon: Allan; Hamilton, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller (Bates), Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Kamara.

Postponed: Lincoln v Shrewsbury.

FOURTH DIVISION

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Gould)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Collins) 3,100
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Emery, Stephens, Hendry, Jones (Holmes (W), Gould, Phillips).
 Barnley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Graham, Millar, Bell.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Murphy)
WIMBLEDON (2) 6 (Cork 4, Haverson, Leslie) 2,739
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Parke, Raper (Coffill), Boulton, Green, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Davies.
 Wimbledon: Priddy; Bryant, Eames, Haverson, Galvin, Perkins, Leslie, Galliers (Driver), Denny, Cork, Parsons.

WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton)
YORK (0) 1 (Loggie)
 Wigan: Brown; Gore, Hinnigan, Moore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton (Brownbill), Crompton, Purdie.
 York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Stanforth.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (McMaster, Archibald)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Melrose) 12,500
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Considine, McMaster, Rougvie, McLeish, Sullivan, Archibald, Scanlon, Jarvie (Harper), Strachan.
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, McAdam (Melrose), Campbell, Houston, Somner, Marr, O'Hara, Park.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

F.A. CUP Fourth Round replay

W.B.A. (0) 2 (Wile, Brown, A.)
LEEDS (0) 0 a.e.t. 31,101
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Parkinson, Madeley, Harris, Stevenson, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

THIRD DIVISION

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Parker)
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Lee) 6,957
 Southend: Cawston; Moody, Yates, Stead, Hadley, Cusack, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Laverick.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Hodge, Wignall, Dowman, Packer, Foley, Dyer, Lee, Allinson.

SWANSEA (3) 5 (Smith 2, Toshack 2, Charles)
HULL (1) 3 (Horswill, Bannister 2) 8,849
 Swansea: Crudgington; Phillips, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Attley, James, Curtis, Toshack, Callaghan.
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Skipper, Dobson, Haigh, Warboys, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, Hawker.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Park 2)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Reilly) 3,009
 Stockport: Cassidy; Thorpe, Rutter, Edwards, Fogarty, Park, Prudham, Summerbee, Bradd, Armstrong, Lee.
 Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Mead, Saunders, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams (Wassal), Froggatt, Reilly, McCaffrey.

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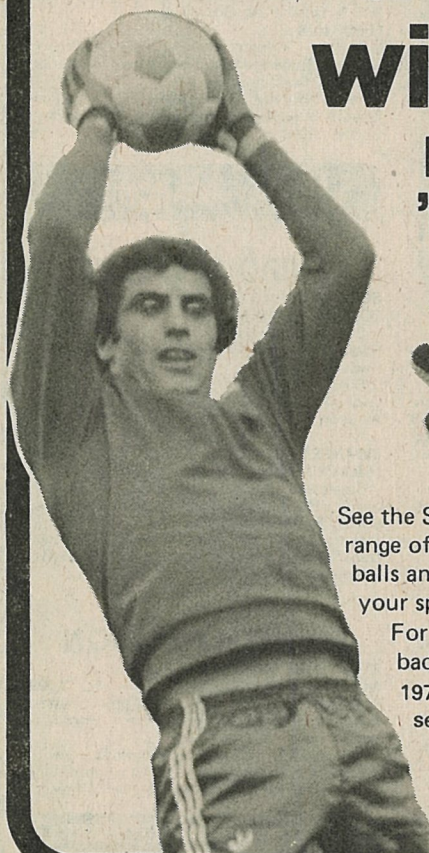
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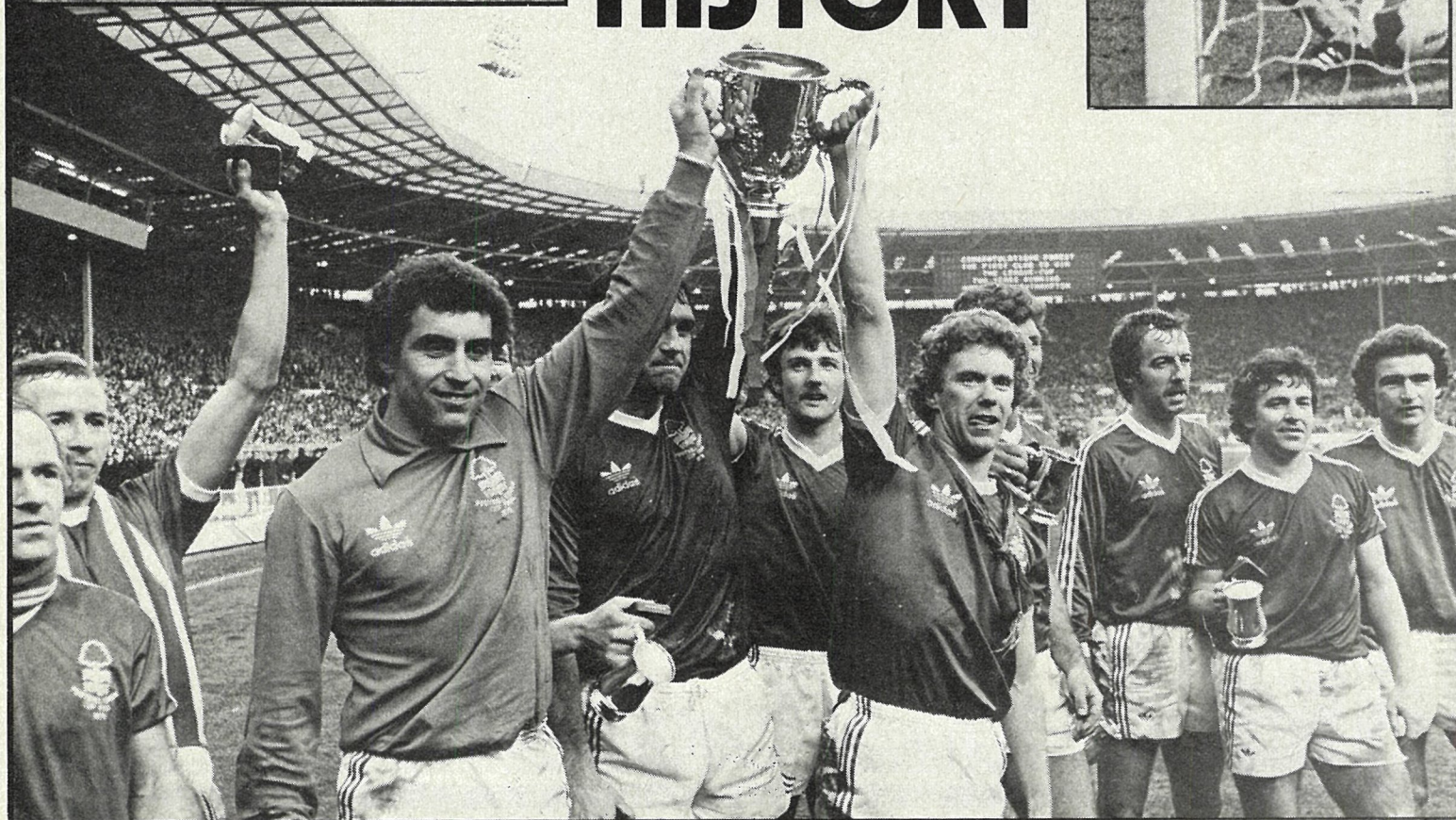
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League Champions Nottingham Forest confirmed their pre-match odds as favourites when they beat Southampton 3-2 in a highly entertaining League Cup Final at Wembley. In a tightly contested game, Brian Clough's lads retained the trophy despite being 1-0 down at half-time. Saints' left-back David Peach (right, light shirt) received a superb through pass by Alan Ball and rounded 'keeper Peter Shilton before slotting the ball in to give the South Coast side a deserved 1-0 first-half lead.

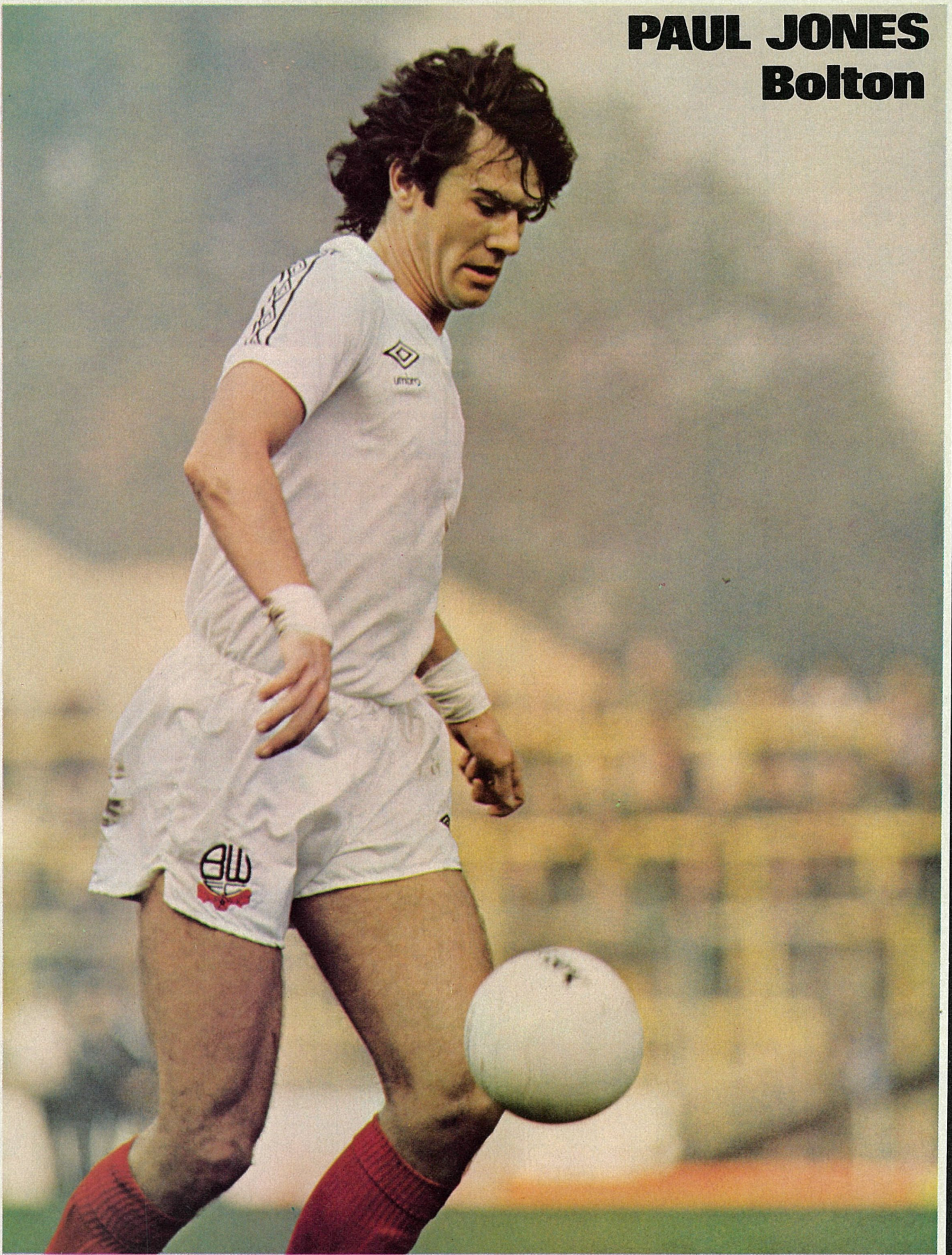


After the interval, it was an entirely different story as the holders launched a wave of attacks on Southampton's goal. Their hero was young Garry Birtles, who equalised and then put Forest 2-1 up (left). He was unlucky not to score again when his shot was cleared off the line by Nick Holmes (right). Forest became the first club to retain the League Cup and celebrated (below) in traditional Wembley style.

FOREST'S FIRE MAKES HISTORY



PAUL JONES Bolton



SHOOT!

**FOCUS
ON**

TERRY McDERMOTT

Liverpool

FULL NAME: Terry McDermott
BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool
BIRTHDATE: 8th December, 1951
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11st 3lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bury and Newcastle United
MARRIED: No
CAR: JPS Capri
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Mario Kempes of Valencia and Argentina
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Bury and Newcastle
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I don't want them to know
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1977 European Cup Final in Rome
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for England
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning an F.A. Cup winner's medal
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America for my holidays last year
FAVOURITE FOOD: Corn on the cob
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good company, horse racing and golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Ignorant people and teams that beat us
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Porridge, Top of the Pops and Rising Damp
FAVOURITE SINGERS: The Jacksons, Rod Stewart and Leo Sayer
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Glenda Jackson and one or two players
BEST FRIEND: My girlfriend, Valerie Wilcock
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Billy Urmston, coach at Oldham and former boss at Newcastle, Joe Harvey
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Being away from home so often and the journey home after a defeat
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-23's and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and secure after football
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England again and to stay at Liverpool
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Very unhappy
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

Terry McDermott

SHOOT!

Full marks to ALAN KENNEDY for passing the KOP test

SALUTE Alan Kennedy (right) — he's made a success of the toughest job at Anfield! That's the view of one of Kennedy's Anfield colleagues, Terry McDermott.

McDermott is a man who should know — he made the journey from St. James' Park, Newcastle to Anfield Road, Liverpool, sometime before Kennedy. But McDermott knows what pressure Kennedy was under when he arrived at Anfield.

"Basically, he was bought to replace the Kop's favourite player — Joey Jones," says McDermott. "Anyone who can do that and make a success of it, has got to have achieved something special."

"Alan has done ever so well to establish himself

so soon. Players like myself and Ray Kennedy took some while to even get into the side regularly when we first joined Liverpool.

"He had one or two minor problems at first. He had to learn his job is first and foremost to defend whereas he considered it was to attack. Some people have said he shirks tackles but that is absolute rubbish. I've known him for years and he's as hard as nails — he would clatter into a door if he thought he'd win the ball.

"But the way he's replaced Joey has been amazing. The crowd loved Joey and it can't have been easy taking his place. The crowd are getting behind him and that means he's passed a difficult test."



Sell to survive

IT COMES to something when a bank manager recommends a football club to sell a player.

But that's what happened to Millwall when they ran into financial difficulties during the Big Freeze. Millwall estimated the shortage of home games at The Den cost the club £30,000 in revenue.

"We're only surviving by the good will of the bank," said manager George Petchey. "But even the bank manager suggested we try to raise some money by selling a player."

ORIENT manager Jimmy Bloomfield's move in making his young Eire international midfield star Paddy Grealish skipper was one of the shrewdest of the season.

That's the view of Orient's highly — experienced veteran goalkeeper John Jackson.

Says Jacko: "Making Paddy skipper has done a lot for his game this season. He's putting a lot of thought into his play and he also has the enthusiasm to get everybody in the side going."

EIRE club Drogheda United have signed John Freeney from Leeds United.



TONY'S RECORD HAUL!

FOUR silver goblets, a Capo di Monte figurine and a spectacular volleyed goal, that was Tony Brown's somewhat unlikely haul following Albion's League fixture against Leeds on February 24th.

The goblets and porcelain were presented to The Hawthorns' ace in a pre-match ceremony on the pitch by London Albion Supporters' Club and Albion's board of directors respectively, in recognition of Brown's record-breaking 209th League goal ... scored appropriately enough in the corresponding fixture at Elland Road in October.

● Photograph shows Tony Brown receiving a Capo di Monte figurine from West Bromwich Albion's vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Silk.

Frank's on the Movies

FRANK McLintock, the former Arsenal and Queens Park Rangers defender, has been appointed technical adviser for a movie film entitled "Yesterday's Heroes".

Based on a novel written by Jackie Collins, who also wrote "The Stud", the story is of a footballer who falls by the wayside and tries to make a comeback.

Frank's role will be to make sure the football sequences are authentic. The former Leicester City manager met Miss Collins in London's Hyde Park where auditions were held to find suitable "athletic type" actors for parts in the film.

Frank tells me he is looking around for some involvement in soccer in a few months time.

DANNY'S TURN?

NEXT Sunday's (April 1st) away friendly encounter v. Spain will bring back unhappy memories for Northern Ireland supremo Danny Blanchflower.

The last time Danny faced the Spaniards at international level, in Madrid, on October 15, 1958, Ireland were swamped, 6-2, just a few months after the legendary Blanchflower had skipped his country to glory in the 1958 World Cup Finals, in Sweden.

Since then, Northern Ireland and Spain have met four times, all European Championship ties. In the first of these, in Bilbao, on 30th May, 1963, Burnley's Willie Irvine scored to give Ireland a fine 1-1 draw, but Spain won the Belfast return, 1-0, exactly five months later. In fact, Spain went on to win the 1964 Euro crown, defeating Russia, 2-1, in the Madrid decider.

The two nations met again in the 1972 series, Spain winning 3-0 at home and drawing 1-1 at Hull, where the tie was staged because of Ulster's civil unrest.

But, 20 campaigns after his first duel with the Spaniards, Danny Blanchflower is aiming to turn the tables on his one-time international conquerors!

THE £1 million departure of Trevor Francis to Forest has provided Birmingham City with their third captain this season. Blues began under centre-half Joe Gallagher but he handed over the captaincy to Francis at the end of 1978.

Now veteran Welsh international, Malcolm Page, has the task of supplying guidance and inspiration on the field as beleaguered Blues continue their ceaseless struggle against relegation.

Denver looks good

SEVERAL top Football League clubs are keeping an eye on talented Glenavon forward Alex Denver, who has been turning in impressive senior displays for the Mourneview Park outfit this term.

A highly-promising starlet, teenager Alex, a son of ex-Belfast Celtic and Glenavon scoring ace Johnny Denver, is an Irish Youth cap and looks set for a cross-channel move in the not-too-distant future.

FALKIRK will represent Scotland in an eight-club under-23 tournament to be held at Dusseldorf, West Germany, at Easter. The tournament is being organised by local club Rather Spielveren. Nineteen of the Brockville playing staff are under 23 and manager Billy Little sees the tournament as an ideal opportunity for his young players to gain European experience. Falkirk expect to be in the Scottish First Division next season.

JOKE?

I LIKE this quote from Cologne coach Hans Lohr. He was in Scotland recently to watch his club's European Cup opponents Rangers in action against Dundee United at Ibrox.

Lohr revealed he had once played against Rangers boss John Greig and added hastily: "And I've still got the scars to prove it!"

I hope he was only joking ...

MIDDLESBROUGH have signed on schoolboy forms Darren Wood of Scarborough. Darren has played for England Boys at centre-half. His father, Terry, filled the same position for England before joining Bolton Wanderers and Leeds United. The Boro are thrilled over their young capture.

Giles in top form

JOHNNY Giles (below), the Shamrock Rovers player-manager is in great form this season.

The 38-year-old Giles showed that age is no barrier and his performances have been raved about by the Eire Press and apart from making the goals, Giles has been finding the net regularly himself.



City Ban on U.S.

MANCHESTER City have slapped a ban on North American clubs taking their players on loan.

"If the Yanks want any of our men they must back their judgment with hard cash," says manager Tony Book.

"The only way we are prepared to do business now is through a straight transfer. I don't believe in the loan system because it causes problems in getting players back to this country."

"With the seasons overlapping, players do not return until we are well into our domestic campaign. It means they have missed the vital pre-season build-up period as well as early games."

Popular Reds

LIVERPOOL have taken over from Manchester United as the most popular team in the Football League.

The European Champions are the first club to have been watched by more than one million fans this season — after 23 games. Their overall average of 43,604 compares with United's 40,984.

Third in the support League as Liverpool raced beyond their seven figure mark were Tottenham with their Argentinian influence. Their average was 38,110.

THE record transfer of goalkeeper Phil Parkes to West Ham United from Queens Park Rangers raises an interesting point.

Parkes joined Walsall after leaving school but was allowed to drift away. Eventually he joined Brierley Hill and at the time their manager was Dick Neal who took him back to Walsall.

Brierley Hill's reward was something in the region of £25. A slight difference to the £35,000 Walsall collected from Queens Park Rangers and the £565,000 West Ham had to pay for his services.

FOUR GOAL DEREK

THE first player to score four goals in the League of Ireland this season was Derek Carthy.

He hit all four in St. Patrick Athletic's 4-1 win over Cork Celtic recently. One more would have equalled The Saints record which is helped by Shay Gibbons.

Shay got all five against another Cork team, Cork Athletic in 1953. Raich Carter, a famous name from the past, made his debut for the losers that day.

A Brighton fan—in South Africa

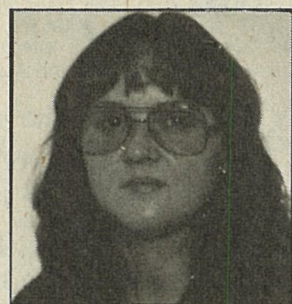
EVERY Saturday Roy Southfield dons a football scarf and woolly hat like millions of other soccer fans. The only difference is that Roy does not go out to a match. He sits alone, at home unable to get to his favourite club Brighton and Hove Albion.

The reason? Roy lives in Botswana, South Africa. He tells me that his eccentricity is beginning to worry the neighbours but he should be returning home next season, hoping to see Brighton in the First Division.

Don't forget the hat and scarf, Roy!

GEORGE Tulloch, the young Scots goalkeeper freed by Everton because he was too small, has joined Dundee United. Tulloch was released because the Goodison Park club have an unwritten rule that goalkeepers must be at least six feet in height.

But that didn't put off manager Jim McLean who landed the 18-year-old at Tannadice. Tulloch is first choice for the Scotland Professional Youth team and stands 5' 9".



THE attractive young lady in the photograph is Norwegian university student Mrs. HILDEGUNN LARSEN who lives in Bergen. She is studying all the Norwegian languages but her extra-curriculum interest is all about English football and particularly Sheffield United.

Her husband favours Arsenal but Hildegunn, writing regularly to Sheffield, buys all the Blades' home programmes and, through reading all the newspaper cuttings supplied by her friend Dot Pearson, is pretty knowledgeable about the players.

She watches our football on TV and is hoping to pay a visit to The Lane at Easter.

FACTastic

WHO was the last player to score ten goals in a Football League game? The answer is — Joe Payne, for Luton Town against Bristol Rovers on April 13, 1937, in Third Division (South). It was the young reserve wing-half's first appearance at centre-forward and he celebrated with ten of Luton's 12 goals. Joe Payne later gained an England cap and became Chelsea's leading sharpshooter.

Tough on bad boys

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson is adopting a new and tough line with the "bad boys" at Pittodrie. His action follows a recent game against St Mirren at Love Street when Ian Scanlon and Willie Miller were ordered off and four other Dons booked. Ferguson described his move as the result of a culmination of "irresponsible actions" throughout the current season.

He refused to divulge what fines he'd impose but it is understood to be £100 for a first offence and each succeeding offence to go up £100.

Ferguson says that Aberdeen's chances of success this season are being endangered by senseless and petty actions of some players.

DEBUT DISMISSALS

DID you know that in just over 40 years during which the Football League functioned before the War it happened only once that a player was sent off in his debut match? Yet three players now in the game have had the misfortune to become debutant dismissals. Their names? Kevin Tully (Port Vale), Mark Halsey (Norwich City), and Dave Esser (Rochdale).



JOKER Steve! That's what Wrexham's 18-year-old Birmingham-born striker Steve Buxton (above) is becoming known in the game.

Steve says: "I like playing practical jokes on people." But Steve doesn't forget the serious side of football. Now living in Wrexham, he has won honours for Wrexham and district as a schoolboy in both football and cricket. He even made his League debut way back in May.



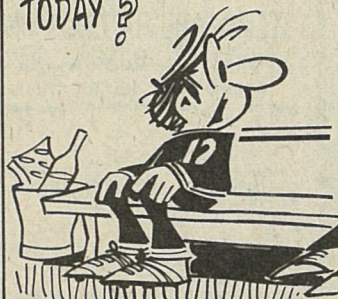
PETER Shilton was so impressed with the form of Exeter's goalkeeper Vince O'Keefe (above) in a friendly game he has invited the young player to Nottingham for some special coaching.

Ironically, O'Keefe was allowed to drift away from both Aston Villa and Walsall before being signed by Southern League side, A.P. Leamington.

Now, he is rated as one of the best young keepers in the game and a name to note in the future.

NOBBY

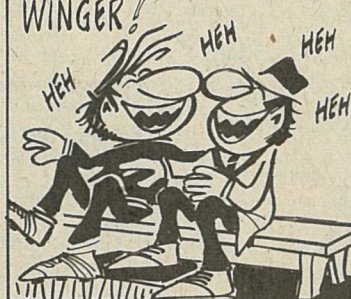
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HOW TO BEAT

IT WAS like old times at Old Trafford when United beat Tottenham in our F.A. Cup Sixth Round replay on Wednesday, March 14th.

A capacity crowd, traditional red-hot atmosphere, TV cameras, and a gruelling 90 minutes of action against one of soccer's most famous Cup-fighting clubs.

But Quarter-Final victory has left The Red Devils with another almighty problem — how to overcome the super Reds of Liverpool in our mammoth Semi-Final clash at Maine Road on Saturday.

Even as United are in sight of Wembley for the third time in four seasons, the critics are suggesting we were lucky to deal a Cup k.o. to Spurs.

I suppose they remember their disallowed goal in the match at White Hart Lane, when Chris Jones was judged to have fouled our 'keeper Gary Bailey.

From where I stood it looked a perfectly good goal, but fortunately the referee ruled otherwise.

The first-half belonged to Spurs, United were much the better side after the break, so by and large a draw was a fair result.

Some Press reports suggested the Londoners played well enough for a draw at Old Trafford. In my opinion

they didn't deserve another chance.

To be fair, though, they played what little football there was to be seen on the night, but lacked the necessary penetration to win a Cup-tie without the drama and skill of the first match at White Hart Lane.

Now *that* was a good game!

The replay at Old Trafford was awful, possibly because there was so much at stake.

The pressure was enormous... there was no time to play the ball. Players were afraid to make mistakes and were nervous. Even Tottenham's wee man of magic, Ardiles, could do little right.

I was reasonably pleased with my own performance although I didn't have many opportunities to have my usual pots at goal.

My man-of-the-match was United defender Arthur Albiston. He's been a revelation this season.

I was specially delighted for my old pal Joe Jordan who played his first full game since last November — and scored a great goal in the 10th minute.

Sammy McIlroy added a second after the break following fine work by Mickey Thomas down the left flank.

This was a match United just had to win. In fact, I'd say it was our

most vital game for a long time.

Defeat would not only have meant the end of the season for us, but could have had other serious repercussions.

Crowds have dropped alarmingly at Old Trafford. There has been criticism aimed at manager Dave Sexton, the way the team has played, and certain individuals.

A Tottenham victory could have resulted in dramatic changes at United.

A Semi-Final appearance against Liverpool is a lifeline to salvage something out of a season that had been slipping away.

This is a crucial time for Manchester United. However, I'm confident Dave Sexton will silence the critics by taking United to Wembley.

Okay so we haven't played as well as we can, but let's not forget that United are seventh from top of the First Division — and in with a chance of a U.E.F.A. Cup place next term — not seventh from bottom.

That's not a bad position considering the boss is trying to build a team capable of restoring the glory days to Old Trafford.

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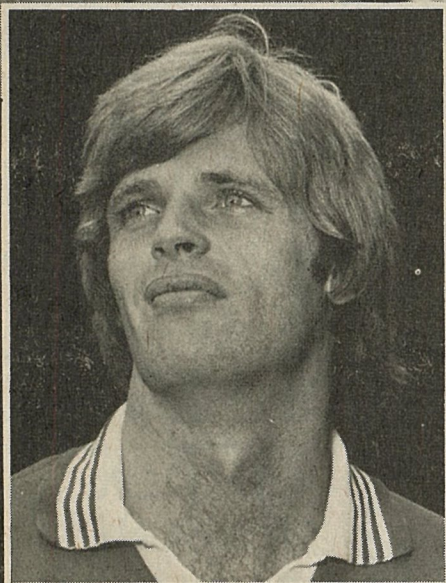
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my soccer world

**GORDON
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Left: Magic man Ardiles could do little right at Old Trafford. Right: F.A. Cup Final action 1977 with United's McIlroy beating Jimmy Case (Liverpool).



that achievement, though, there's the daunting prospect of facing Liverpool, the team United beat in the F.A. Cup Final in 1976-77.

Liverpool were overwhelming favourites that day, just as they are for Saturday's big, big match.

The form book doesn't count for much in football, though. It's how you feel on the day... how the ball runs... which team gets the breaks. These are factors that help to win Cup-ties.

Former United star Paddy Crendan was telling me the other day that he played in six Semi-Finals for United and they were favourites to win every one. Yet he was only on the winning side once.

Being heavily backed won't affect Liverpool, or the fact they are going for the League and Cup double. They are too experienced and have too many class players to worry

unduly about pressures.

As far as I can see there are no weaknesses in this Liverpool team. The only time you seem to get the ball when playing against them is when it goes over the line for a throw-in or goal-kick.

Their main strength lies down the middle with Ray Clemence, Phil Thompson and Kenny Dalglish. They are the three key-men.

You stand one chance of success against Liverpool... have a go at them just as Chelsea did in drawing 0-0 at Stamford Bridge this season.

Faced with almost certain relegation, the Londoners simply decided they had very little to lose by attacking the European Champions... and they almost achieved what would have been a sensational victory.

As it happened Liverpool were glad to hang on at the end.

There's no way United will try to close them down at Maine Road. Attacking non-stop is our game. We just don't know how to shut up shop at the other end.

Dave Sexton has made no special preparations for this game. We'll just go out, attack, do our best and hope if there's any luck going it comes United's way.

Liverpool beat us 3-0 in the League at Anfield on Boxing Day... and let us off lightly. They should have won by a far greater margin.

They slaughtered a United team that was going through a bad patch at the time. We just did not compete in any department.

There's no way United will accept second best on Saturday. The spirit at Old Trafford is tremendous... the same sort of spirit that has made its presence felt throughout the

soccer world so many times in the past.

Liverpool versus Man. United would have made a tremendous F.A. Cup Final. But then so will Man United and Wolves, who I pick as the other Semi-Final winners.

All the best... see you again in two weeks' time...

Gordon McQueen



NEW STAR ON THE WAY

ENGLISH football is set to see yet another foreign import when 'Lirpo' Afol (above) joins a top Midlands club on April 1st. Who? Well, 'Lirpo', as he is known, hails from Renowhe, a tiny island off the Argentine North coast and our correspondent over there tells me: "Make no mistake, 'Lirpo' is magic. Even better than Ardiles."

The deal has been clouded with intrigue and the Midlands manager has sworn me to secrecy for fear of being beaten to Afol's signature.

Apparently, many top European clubs were interested, but Afol chose England because "it is the capital of world football and I want to prove myself at the highest level."

'Lirpo' has an incredible 258 international caps to his credit, an amazing total for a 22-year-old. He was first chosen to represent his island aged just 11 and scored a hat-trick in the Final of the Sitonxennet Cup, played for by the string of islands of which Renowhe is part.

Even allowing for the fact that many of the so-called internationals were either junior or unofficial games, 'Lirpo' has obviously packed a lot into his career.

The Midlands manager told me: "I'm over the moon to sign the player. At £19,000 (plus VAT) he's a bargain. The small fee is because it wasn't possible for him to get an exit visa in time for the transfer deadline, but on April 1st he's my player."

Luckily, the Midlands team aren't in any Cups and are in a comfortable League position, so we could see 'Lirpo' in action very soon.

THREE clubs heading for their Championships . . . AC Milan, who have a four-point lead in Italy; SK Beveren, six points clear in Belgium; and Dukla Prague, who lead Banik Ostrava by four points in Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, football started again in Holland after an 11-week lay-off due to snow . . . but over half the League programme was postponed as grounds were — waterlogged!

PASSARELLA STAYS

DESPITE newspaper reports, Argentina captain Daniel Passarella has NOT signed for the Washington Diplomats. River Plate apparently wanted the £750,000 fee in cash, but the American club preferred a down-payment and the rest paid over a period of time. Passarella has just started the new season with River and our correspondent in Buenos Aires tells me he's playing extremely well after suffering a 'World Cup hangover' last year.

The strange affair of Tcha-Boom

MYSTERY surrounds the 'transfer' of South Korean star Bum Kun Cha to West German club Darmstadt. The player — who was nicknamed Tcha-Boom — has won 141 caps for his country at various levels and played 78 minutes for Darmstadt before returning to Korea 'to settle a matter about military service.'

Trouble is, he hasn't gone back to Darmstadt and that was two months ago. The Korean authorities didn't even pick up the £400 the player earned.

Apparently, Tcha-Boom was not 'freed from his military duties' — on the contrary, has to do 'an extra six months as punishment for deserting from the Korean Olympic team.' All very strange.

SPAIN TO CLINCH EURO SPOT?

Current placings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Spain	3	3	0	0	8	1	6
Rumania	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Yugoslavia	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

RUMANIA's home match against Spain on April 4th is one of the vital matches in this Group 3, and it's one that they've got to win if they're to have any hopes of qualifying. Stefan Kovacs and his team are already sick of the sight of the Spaniards who barred their World Cup route to Argentina, and are now once again Public Enemy Number One in the European Championship.

The two sides have produced some close matches in recent years, though the home team has usually edged a 'Result'. Rumania were lucky to record a 1-0 win in Bucharest during the World Cup Qualifiers, when Spanish defenders Pirri and Benito got themselves into a muddle and managed to put the ball in their own net. But in their most recent meeting in Valencia, luck favoured the Spaniards, though the Rumanians looked the better side throughout. Spain's captain Asensi scored the only goal of the match with a freak looping header from 20 yards.

Rumania's manager, Stefan Kovacs, has been building a team by blending tough young athletes (six of the side are over six feet) with experienced campaigners such as talented midfielder Jorandescu and top striker



Georgescu. At home they tend to throw everything into reckless attack (central defender Sames scored the first two goals in their 3-2 win against Yugoslavia) and this is very much to the Spaniards' liking. For there's nothing they like better than to soak up constant pressure, then sneak a goal or two in counter-attacks.

Spain's manager, Ladislao Kubala, is one of the most experienced managers in Europe after ten years in the job. As usual, he's playing his cards close to his chest, and will be sticking to his policy of selecting whoever's on form at any given moment — a policy that's led to the selection of 108 different players in ten years!

Kubala is a shrewd tactician, and will probably try to shut down Rumania's creative midfield men with man-to-man marking, and he must be heartened by the fact that

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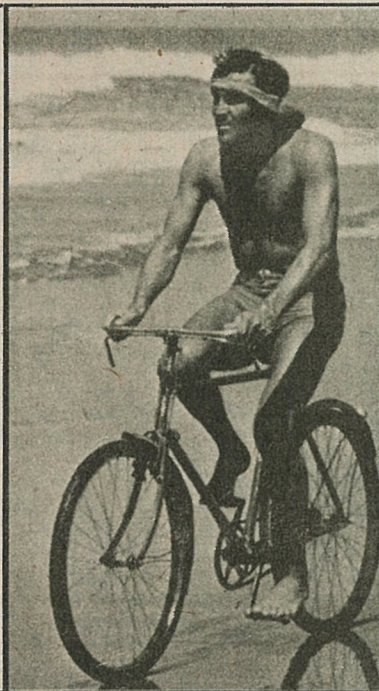
SOCCER IN SOUTH AMERICA

AS Britain slowly recovers from the worst winter most of you can remember, the Argentinian season is just starting . . . and in South America it's been somewhat warmer than here.

The Argentine players have had to do their pre-season training in temperatures of around 100 degrees at times, but, as these pictures show, their pre-season training is a little different to our players' July slog.

Boca Juniors, Champions of South America, went to the seaside resort of Mar del Plata and after a strenuous work-out on the beach cooled off in the perfect way.

The four gents standing in the sea are the Boca coaching staff . . . the player on the bike is 'El Loco' Hugo Gatti . . . while Benitez, Suné, Alvarez and Rocha soak up the sun as the Atlantic cools their aching limbs.



SHOCK IN PERU

SOUTH America's Copa Libertadores got off to a sensational start when Peru's top side, Alianza Lima, complete with six World Cup stars, were thrashed 3-6 at home by fellow Peruvians Universitario de Deportes.

After this humiliating defeat, Alianza announced that it was time to renew their team with young players, and promptly put World Cup star Teófilo Cubillas (the man who sank Scotland with two goals) on the transfer list. At the time of writing, 30-year-old Cubillas looks certain to sign for an American club.

THE manager of Beringen (Nick Deacy's Belgian club) Leo Canjels had an unusual excuse for his team's 1-0 local derby defeat by Winterslag.

He said: "Winterslag players had nails in their boots to prevent them from slipping on the snowy surface. The referee had ordered some players to change these studs before the game, but at half-time they changed back."

The winner was scored in the second-half.

Georgescu has never had any measure of success against strong central defender Migueli.

Kubala's biggest worries are the lack of a good left-back and the absence of right-winger Juanito, who's suspended till 1980.

Even so, the Spaniards will be tough opposition for Rumania, with additional incentive of a £1,100 a man bonus if they produce the right result. A win for them and they'd be almost certain of a place in the Finals.

Hot Favourites

CYPRUS don't win many matches at international level, and they don't score many goals either, so the Yugoslavs are red-hot favourites for the tie on April 1st. In fact, the main interest is the return of Miljan Miljanic as the eighth Yugoslav manager in the last four years.

But the man who led his country to World Cup success in 1974 takes over the team at a difficult moment, with Yugoslavia alongside Cyprus at the bottom of the group without a single point.

Miljanic's task is to make sure that Yugoslavia win their remaining matches by a large margin in order to have an outside hope of qualifying. On the face of it, the Cyprus team of printers, carpenters, shop-owners and car-mechanics shouldn't give them too many problems — and talented strikers such as winger Susic and centre-forward Halilhodzic could easily have a field day.

Having said that, it's not that easy to score hatfuls of goals on the bumpy pitches in Cyprus, and the visitors could be happy with a three-goal win to boost their sagging morale. Everyone acknowledges that Yugoslavia always play attractive, attacking football, and Miljanic's job is to harness the side's undoubted skills to producing convincing results. If they don't win in Cyprus, it really will be April Fool's Day...

● Pic shows the two captains tossing up before the Spain v. Cyprus game.

BONHOF BACK TO GERMANY?

THERE'S a chance that Rainer Bonhof will ask Valencia to release him from his £325,000 three-year contract at the end of this season. The 27-year-old West German midfielder is disappointed at Valencia's poor performance this season and has hinted that if the club fails to qualify for a European competition he'll ask for a move back to Germany "to protect his international reputation".

Bonhof's relationship with Valencia manager Marcel Domingo has been strained since the player publicly claimed that the team didn't train enough.

Borussia Mönchengladbach and Denmark striker Allan Simonsen at home with his 18-month-old daughter Camilla.



WITH sweeper Horst Wohlers sent-off early in Borussia Mönchengladbach's 4-3 win over Hamburger SV, and suspended for eight matches, coach Udo Lattek experimented with midfield star Hans-Gunter Bruns at the back, in a friendly. Bruns scored three goals in a 7-0 win and said: "It is easier to play when no one is marking you."

THE NEW administration at Barcelona have received with great dismay a demand from the Spanish tax man relating to the earnings of their ex-manager Rinus Michels. The club's contracts with the Dutch trio of Cruyff, Neeskens and Michels always included a clause stipulating that Barcelona would pay their taxes, but the new directors certainly weren't expecting that Michels' taxes would amount to... £185,000!

ON THE first day of the second-half of the season in East Germany six of the seven First Division matches were played, League leaders Dynamo Berlin playing at Halle in a temperature of minus eight degrees centigrade. But the same day in West Germany only two of the nine Bundesliga matches were staged. There must be a moral somewhere.

DYNAMO Moscow have been beaten in the U.S.A. by San Diego Sockers (5-2). Four of the Sockers goals were scored by Mexico World Cup striker Hugo Sanchez.



NEW FACES

ON APRIL 2nd Brazil coach Cláudio Coutinho will name the first national squad since the 1978 World Cup. Sixteen players will be called-up for the South American Championship and seven new names seem certain to be amongst them: Flamengo striker Adlio (pictured above) and sweeper Junior; striker Sócrates of Corinthians and Serginho from São Paulo; right-back Mauro of Guarani; left-back Eder of Gremio; and right-winger Guina of Vasco.

Of those who have represented Brazil previously, only Leão, Oscar, Amaral, Falcão, Roberto, Zico and Batista are expected to be named.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT...

Colour: Brian Flynn (Leeds), Bolton team group, Derek Parkin (Wolves), Martin Buchan (Manchester United), Clive Woods (Ipswich), and Focus on Paul McGee (Q.P.R.).

Features: Britain in Europe — previews of Semi-Finals first-leg ties + Big Match Crosstalk: West Brom v. Everton + Club Spotlight on Bolton + Preview Scottish Cup Semi-Final: Aberdeen v. Hibernian + John McGovern (Nottingham Forest skipper) + Welcome Back — to Ralph Coates and Mel Blyth + We look back at the career of the legendary Jimmy Greaves + All your usual favourites in SHOOT next week!

NEWS FLASHES

Zico has broken the Flamengo scoring record. Against Goytacaz in the Rio Championship, the Brazil star scored his 245th goal, breaking the previous record held since 1948 by Dida.

A West German referee was astonished the other week when a player showed him the red card. In fact, the card had dropped out of the ref's pocket and a player gave it back to him... in the conventional way!

Willy van der Kuylen, one of PSV Eindhoven's best players, received an attractive offer from the US club Washington Diplomats. A veteran now, though still a key player, PSV persuaded him not to go by promising to employ him as a scout after his career is over.

FC Twente have signed 21-year-old centre-forward Soren Lindstedt for two-and-a-half years. Last autumn Lindstedt was top scorer in the Danish Second Division with Holbaek BK.

Jan Jongbloed, Holland's World Cup 'keeper, now 37, has signed a new two-year contract with his club Roda JC.

Fluminense of Rio de Janeiro experimented by dropping their 'concentration' before matches, but results were poor, so the players are now all together again before games: bachelors from Friday evening and married men joining the squad the night before the match, Saturday.

Dr. Gust Hendrickx, chairman of Belgian club Beerschot, has protested to the authorities that some referees who officiate at games involving Flemish-speaking teams don't speak a word of Flemish (Dutch). He feels it wrong that, the referees chosen, only speak French.

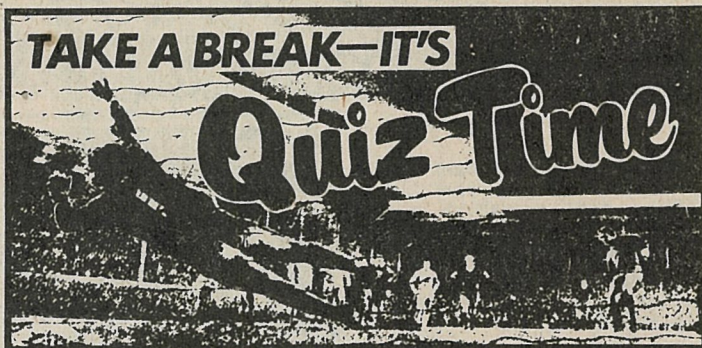
The Hungarian F.A. has agreed to introduce the red and yellow card system from September.

DEPOSIT LOST

THERE'S a bit of cloak-and-dagger intrigue surrounding the return of Argentinian striker Daniel Astegiano from Spain to his native country. The ex-Independiente striker never found his feet with Rayo Vallecano in Madrid, and the Spanish club agreed to release him when At. Belgrano approached them with an offer of £120,000.

Astegiano promptly headed off for Argentina, but everyone is politely enquiring about what has happened to the £30,000 'deposit' that the Argentinian team paid to the intermediary who set up the deal!

FOOTBALL fans in Czechoslovakia get a good deal from T.V. though their wives might not like it. On Saturday, March 3rd they saw Dukla v Ostrava, League leaders v Cup holders, at 2.30 and the following Wednesday they saw 1.FC Magdeburg v Ostrava in the Cup-Winners' Cup at 5 pm followed at 7.30 by Hertha v Dukla in the U.E.F.A. Cup. All live and in full.



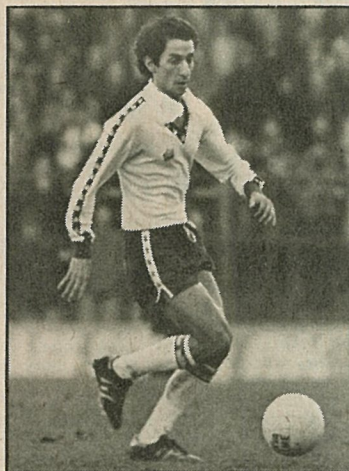
1. Blackpool full-back Larry Milligan recently joined Reading, Wimbledon or Portsmouth on loan?
2. Chelsea's Duncan McKenzie was transferred to which club for around £120,000?
3. Which First Division goalkeeper was told by his manager to take a complete break from football?
4. What announcement did Second Division Millwall make recently?
5. Former England striker Geoff Hurst was linked with the managership of Peterborough United before Peter Morris took over. Of which Southern League club is Hurst in charge?
6. Which Birmingham City striker had the misfortune to break a leg (for the second time this season) in the match against Queens Park Rangers in a relegation battle at St. Andrews?
7. Can you name the manager who left Northampton Town in March?

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Shanks. (6) Sew. (9) Tools. (11) One. (12) Palace. (13) Trip. (15) My. (16) Cry. (17) Now. (19) Leg. (20) Mistake. (23) Rye. (25) Most. (26) Ban. (27) Francis. (30) Loud. (31) Bet. (33) Reeves. (35) Old. (36) Won.

DOWN:— (1) System. (2) Atkinson. (3) No. (4) Kop. (5) Slam. (6) Soccer. (7) Energy. (8) We. (10) Sly. (14) Pots. (18) Watford. (21) Image. (22) Evaded. (24) East. (28) Rue. (29) Crew. (31) Be. (32) To. (34) So.

Jumbled Name: TOMMY LANGLEY.



8. Chelsea travelled to Norwich City on Saturday, March 10th, and were beaten 2-0. What happened to their new Yugoslav goalkeeper Petar Borota in the match?

9. Celtic were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at home by Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Quarter-Final replay. In a tough game, were four, five or six players booked?

10. Crystal Palace enhanced their promotion chances when they travelled to Roker Park and beat Sunderland 1-0, 2-1, or 3-2?

F.A. CUP

The F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the competition?

11. Holders Ipswich Town were beaten 1-0 at home to favourites Liverpool. Who scored the winning goal for the Anfield club?

12. Southampton drew 1-1 with Arsenal at The Dell. Who scored the goals?

13. Arsenal's North London rivals Tottenham were knocked-out by Manchester United 2-0 at Old Trafford in a replay. The first game finished 1-1 at White Hart Lane. Osvaldo Ardiles (left) was on the mark for Spurs... who scored United's equaliser?

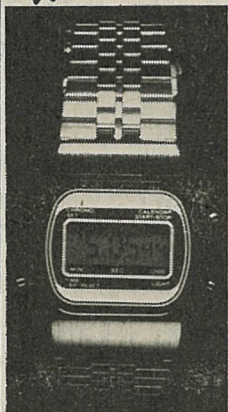
14. Third Division Shrewsbury Town's brave effort ended when they lost 3-1 to Wolves, also in a replay. Where was the game played?

15. Name the Wolves manager.

ANSWERS:

1. Portsmouth. 2. Blackburn Rovers. 3. Middlesbrough's Jim Stewart. 4. A proposed £10 million plan to redevelop their ground. 5. Telford United. 6. Keith Bertschin. 7. Mike Keen. 8. He had eight stitches inserted into a head wound and had to be stitched off. 9. Six. 10. 2-1. 11. Kenny Dalglish. 12. Austin Hayes (Saints). David Price (Arsenal). 13. Mickey Thomas. 14. Gay Meadow. 15. John Barnwell.

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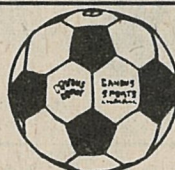
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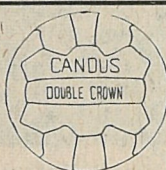


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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

PARTICK THISTLE

Sensational League Cup winners

PARTICK THISTLE have held their heads up high despite being jammed between the two biggest names in Scottish soccer, Celtic and Rangers.

The club can be proud of the fact that since 1902 they have spent only two seasons out of the top grade.

Partick's distinctive Red and Yellow strip is one of the best known North of the border since the club's formation in 1876.

The club first played in a public park before transferring to Jordanvale Park in 1881 and had two more spells at that ground before moving to Meadowside Park in 1887.

Nineteen years later they were forced to move yet again when Meadowside was closed, and they played for twelve months at Ibrox Park before coming to Firhill Park.

Partick entered the Scottish League via Division Two in the 1893-94 season finishing fifth. In their fourth season of League soccer they won the Second Division Championship and finished eighth in their first season among the big boys.

This was followed in 1898-99 by relegation, promotion the next year, then instant relegation and straight back up again in 1901-02.

Once they were back in the First Division, Partick settled there until

relegated in 1970. But we are jumping the gun a little.

In the 1920-21 season Partick Thistle had won their first major honour when a goal by Blair was to beat Rangers 1-0 in the Final played at Celtic Park.

It is also a Final remembered for a fact apart from Thistle's first triumph.

The fans boycotted the game after the admission price was doubled from the old one shilling.

In 1930 they met Rangers again in the Final, but after a 0-0 draw, Rangers won the replay 2-1.

Although Thistle reached third position three times in their Division One career it was the end of the glory days for the club until 1972.

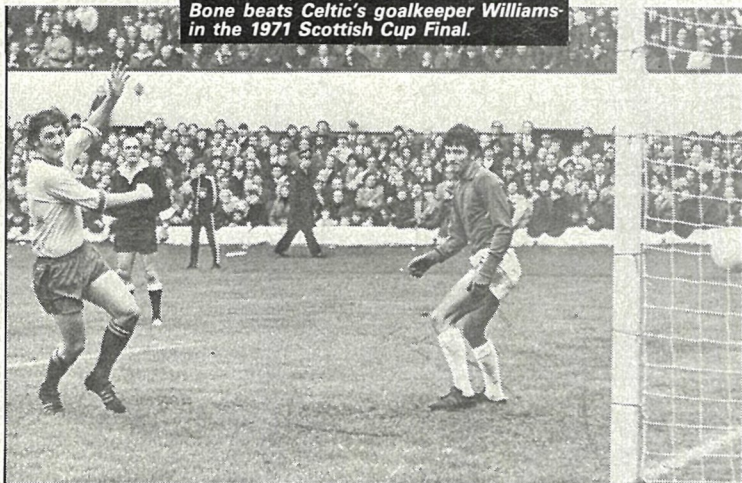
Relegated in the 1969-70 season Partick bounced up again the following term when they won the Division Two Championship.

In 1972 Partick shook the Scottish soccer world by beating Celtic 4-1, after being four up at half-time, to win the Scottish League Cup.

When at the end of the 1974-75 season it was decided to reform the structure of the League, Partick found themselves in the new Division One. But once again they took only one season to win the title and a place in the Premier Division.



Partick Thistle celebrate a victory — with lemonade (above). Partick's striker Jim Bone beats Celtic's goalkeeper Williams in the 1971 Scottish Cup Final.



PEN PICTURES

ANDY ANDERSON: Defender signed from Sighthill Y.C. in 1970 and has also played in Greece. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0

JOCK CAMPBELL: Defender and longest serving Thistle player having signed in 1964 from Greengairs United. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.3.

JIMMY DOYLE: Defender signed from school in 1978. Ht. 5.6½. Wt. 10.0.

IAN GIBSON: Midfielder signed from Coltness United in 1974. Born Hamilton. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.5.

BOBBY HOUSTON: Midfielder or striker and has been at Firhill since 1971 when he was signed from Rutherglen. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.10.

ALISTAIR LOVE: Midfielder signed from Newport County in 1976. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.6.

COLIN McADAM: Defender signed from Motherwell in 1978. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 12.6.

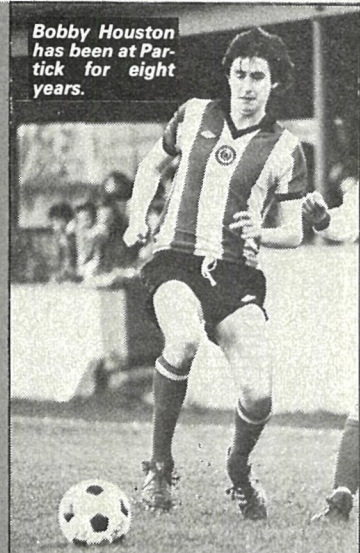
DAVE McKINNON: Defender signed in August, 1978, from Dundee.

JOHN MARR: Defender signed from Petershill in 1975. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.13.

JIM MELROSE: Striker signed from Easterhouse in 1975. Scottish Under-21 and Under-23 player. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12.

ALEX O'HARA: Striker signed from Rangers for £25,000. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.4.

Bobby Houston has been at Partick for eight years.



ALAN ROUGH: Goalkeeper signed from Sighthill in 1969. Full Scottish International. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.3.

BRIAN RODMAN: Defender signed from Ayr United in 1978. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.2.

DOUG SOMNER: Striker with a fine scoring record signed from Ayr United in 1974. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.12.

BRIAN WHITTAKER: Defender signed from Sighthill in 1974. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8.

Games in hand could snatch title

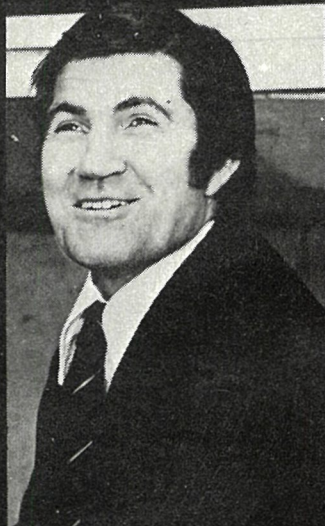
CAN Partick Thistle surprise the leaders and snatch the Premier title? Although they have slipped in recent weeks, the club have games in hand over some of their rivals above them.

Manager Bertie Auld (right) has a good all-round squad of players. The best known of them being goalkeeper Alan Rough who played for Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

What some Partick supporters may not know is that the club once turned down a bid of £50,000 from Hull City way back in 1972 for Rough. The transfer fee would be much higher now.

Another Partick player who has attracted attention is Doug Somner, a player who knows the shortest route to goal.

A fine run in the Scottish Cup this season now means Partick meet Rangers in a Semi-Final game that is sure to produce some fine attacking football.





PARTICK THISTLE

BACK ROW (left to right): George Mackie, Brian Rodman, Ian Gibson, David Stevenson, Colin McAdam, Sandy Frame, John Marr, Andy Anderson, Brian Whittaker.

MIDDLE ROW: Jackie Husband (asst-physio), Jackie Campbell, Jackie Davidson, Alan Rough, Alex O'Hara, Alistair McLean, Alan Kay, Dave McKinnon, Henry Creaney, Tommy Rae (second-team coach).

FRONT ROW: Donnie MacKinnon (coach), Bobby Houston, Alistair Love, Jim Meirose, Ian McDonald, Doug Somner, Rennie Sheed, Denis McQuade (now Hearts), James Doyle, John Craig (now Hearts), Pat Quinn (coach).